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Monetary growth on target

Monetary growth is back on target after the Government's main measure of money supply fell for the first time in four years. Sterling M3 fell half a percentage point last month. But state spending and borrowing are still well ahead of plans Page 21

Stock exchange backs reform

Members of the Stock Exchange voted overwhelmingly in favour of a resolution which will allow lay members to sit on the Council of the Stock Exchange for the first time. Page 2

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Willie Carson, the former champion jockey, was suspended for 12 days by the Jockey Club for careless riding at Beverley last month. Page 26

Police killers will serve at least 20 years – Brittan

● **Minimum 20-year sentences are to be imposed on certain killers under proposals announced by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary.**

● **Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to coal mining and disputed claims that it wants to destroy the industry.**

● **Miss Sara Keays, who is expecting Mr Cecil Parkinson's baby, narrowly missed becoming the Conservative candidate at the Southwark, Bermondsey by-election.**

● **Conservatives, remain divided over whether Mr Parkinson should resign. He was praised for his election work and condemned as a "self-confessed adulterer".**

● **The Government is considering giving tenants of charities the right right to buy their homes, Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing, announced.**

● **No workable alternative system of loyal taxation has emerged to replace rates, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said.**

From Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent, Blackpool

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, presented the Conservative Party Conference at Blackpool yesterday with measures that will ensure that about five hundred hard-core killers and violent offenders will spend extended terms in prison.

But, in a highly delicate political operation, delivered before a notoriously hardline audience, Mr Brittan managed to temper his toughness with more than a touch of mercy for non-violent offenders. That mercy could lead eventually to an overall reduction of 2,000 in the prison population, which is now 44,163.

It was a measure of the Home Secretary's skill that by last night he had won the endorsement of right-wing Tory backbenchers and of Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, the Labour chairman of the all-party Parliamentary Penal Affairs Group.

Mr Brittan failed to win a standing ovation, but the applause was adequate vindication of his balancing act. Representatives appeared willing to suspend judgment despite their undoubted frustration at Parliament's failure to reintroduce capital punishment in the wake of the general election victory in June.

The Home Secretary introduced his announcements with an initial statement of intent: that while the Government had given top priority to inflation in the last Parliament, its most fundamental task for the present Parliament was the fight against crime.

Effective and purposeful policing was of prime importance, he said, but public confidence in the criminal justice system required sentences that reflected "society's deep abhorrence of violent crime".

Then came the spate of decisions. With immediate effect people convicted of the murder of police and prison officers, terrorist murderers, those convicted of the sexual or sadistic murder of children, and criminals who killed with firearms in the course of robbery would serve a minimum sentence of 20 years in jail.

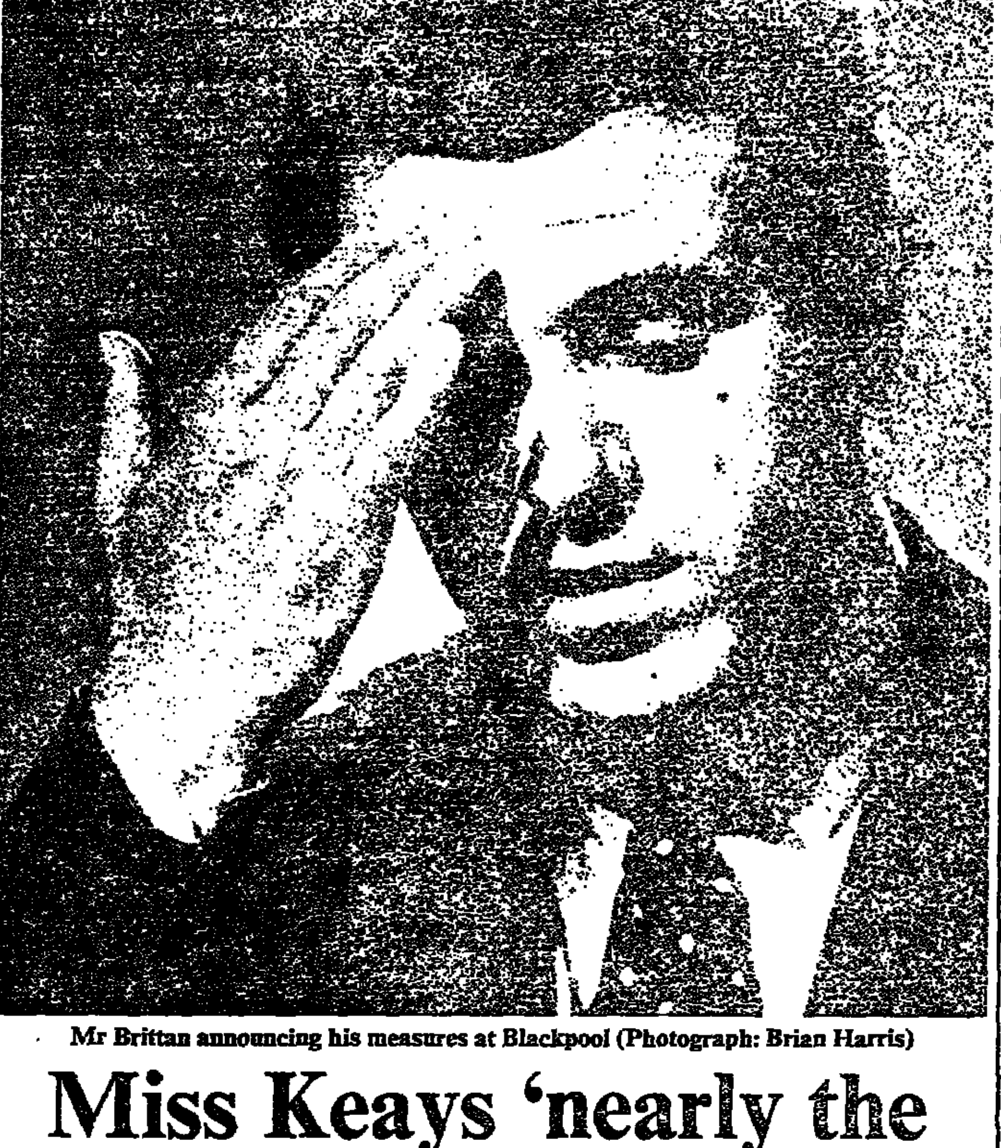
Those who killed nightwatchmen, security guards, or members of post office and public transport staffs could also expect "very long periods in prison indeed". Life sentences, too, would mean life when the release of an offender would pose a risk to the public.

The decisions did not stop there. Mr Brittan also announced his intention to block parole for all those sentenced to more than five years for an offence of violence against the person or of drug trafficking; and to increase the maximum sentence for those convicted of carrying firearms in furtherance of crime from 14 years to life.

He will also ask Parliament to legislate to give the Attorney-General power to refer over-lenient sentences, particularly in controversial cases such as rape, to the Court of Appeal. The court would have no power to alter sentences passed down by judges in other courts, but its review would be expected to have a deterrent effect on judges whose leniency had been questioned publicly and formally.

Mr Brittan told the conference: "Together, these measures

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Mr Brittan announcing his measures at Blackpool (Photograph: Brian Harris)

Miss Keays 'nearly the Bermondsey candidate'

By Richard Dowden

Miss Sara Keays, Mr Cecil Parkinson's former secreatry who is expecting his child in January, narrowly missed becoming the Conservative parliamentary candidate in last February's by-election in Southwark, Bermondsey, after the local party executive was persuaded to reopen the selection process.

Miss Keays had lost the nomination by one vote to Mr Peter Davis. A week after that selection conference, Mr Robert Mellish, the Labour MP, resigned, and forced a by-election. Mr Davis decided that business commitments prevented him from fighting the by-election and resigned.

Some members of the local party executive, some sources say a majority, wanted Miss Keays to assume the candidature. However, at a meeting of the nine members of the executive on November 2, attended by the party agent, Miss Rose Freeman, and an official from Conservative Central Office, it was decided to go through a full selection process.

A short list was drawn up with three names: Mr John Maples, Mr Tony Patterson and Mr Robert Hughes. Mr Hughes, the eventual candidate, had been asked to put his name forward by Mr Ian MacLeod, the area party chairman. Miss Keays's name was not on that initial list but was added to it after the party had interviewed between 30 and 40 potential candidates.

Miss Betty North, chairman of the Southwark and Bermondsey Constituency Conservative Association, said yesterday that she could not remember whether the representative from Central Office had argued in favour of reopening selection or simply adopting Miss Keays.

Among the reasons given by local party members for Miss Keays's failure to secure the nomination are that they did not want a woman to stand against Mr Peter Tatchell, the Labour candidate; that she did not know enough about inner cities; that she was using the candidature to gain experience and that she intended to move on.

However, her supporters felt that she was the "local" candidate of a constituency party that was strongly independent and this should have earned her the nomination.

Mr MacLeod, London area chairman, stressed the need for a strong candidate in urging Mr Hughes to run. He pointed out that the Conservative party had had two bad by-election results, at Crosby and in Peckham, where weak candidates were thought to have played a part.

Mr Ian McLeod chairman of the Greater London Area Conservatives, said in Blackpool last night: "At no time did the local party receive instructions from me that anything other than the proper procedures for reselection should take place.

"There was no question of any second-placed person, whoever that might be, being offered the chance

"In accordance with National Union model rules a complete reselection would be necessary. Constituency parties jealously guard their autonomy. It is common knowledge that any 'direction' from Central Office is tantamount to a kiss of death."

● The continuing division of opinion within the Conservative Party as to whether Mr Cecil Parkinson should stay in office or resign was painfully exposed yesterday (Julian Haviland, Our Political Editor, writes).

His achievements as chairman were warmly applauded by most representatives on the

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Martin jailed for 25 years

David Martin, who spent nearly three months on the run after wounding a policeman, was jailed for 25 years yesterday.

At the Central Criminal Court Mr Justice Kilner-Brown told him: "Those who carry loaded guns in order to shoot their way out of impending arrest or with that intention must expect very severe sentences indeed and that is what you are going to get".

The jury of seven men and five women, after 11 hours of deliberation, had found Martin guilty on four charges and acquitted him on the remaining 10.

The judge gave him a 15-year sentence for causing grievous bodily harm to police constable Nicholas Carr with intent to resist arrest on August 5 last year; and 10 years for having two firearms with intent to resist arrest on September 15, 1982. He directed that those sentences should run consecutively.

Martin, aged 36, of Crawford Place, Marylebone, London, was also given 10 years for the theft of £25,000 from a security van in London's Cannon Street on July 29 last year, and five years for burglary at offices in Bonhill Street, City of London, between January 18 and 25 this year – both sentences to run concurrently.

Earlier, in the 15-day trial a charge of attempting to murder PC Carr was dropped on the judge's direction. He described as callous Martin's threat to put a second bullet into the officer.

Martin showed no emotion as the verdicts and sentences were announced.

A skilled burglar, who admitted to the jury that he often dressed as a woman, Martin intended never to be returned to jail where he has already spent a quarter of his life. He said he was prepared to do anything – even shoot himself – to avoid arrest.

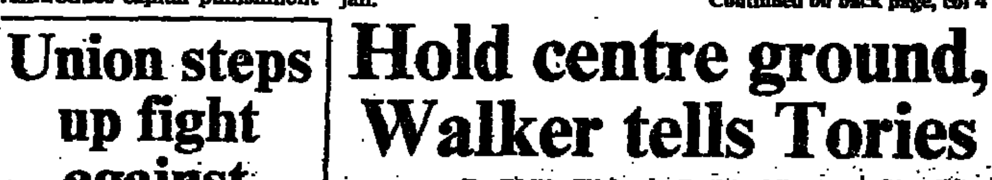
When finally tracked down in a London underground tunnel on January 28 this year, he surrendered in a "suicide walk' defiantly refusing to raise his arms in the air as instructed by armed police officers.

Mr Lawrence, QC, defending, said Martin tended towards suicide, partly because of his obsession with his girlfriend and partly because he could not stand the thought of another long term in prison.

After the case, Martin's father, Mr Ralph Martin, said outside the court: "If I had a gun I'd go and shoot the judge myself". He said the sentences were "ridiculous".

Mr Martin had sat in the public gallery throughout the trial and when the sentences were passed today he leapt to his feet, apparently trying to snatch a glimpse of his son before he was led away. He was told by a policeman to sit down.

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Union steps up fight against Telecom

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Further disruptive action affecting government and business communications will be taken by the Post Office Engineering Union (POEU) this week as part of their fight against the privatization of British Telecom (BT).

Leaders of the union were last night called to a meeting with Sir George Jefferson, chairman of BT to discuss deteriorating industrial relations.

By yesterday between 2,000 and 2,500 members of the union were in dispute with BT. Around 1,600 have been involved in action in international telephone exchanges. The rest have been taking action against Mercury, the private communications network.

Details of the new disruptive action were being kept secret by the executive of POEU, but internatonal satellite links and telex operations are known to be prime targets. City institutions who may be involved in the intended flotation of BT can expect to be singled out.

British Telecom reported yesterday that international telephone exchanges were back to normal with the help of senior management. But the union contended that there was widespread disruption affecting the Middle and Far East and Africa. The situation was deteriorating, POEU said.

The 1600 engineers in international exchanges were sent home at the end of last week after working to rule since the provious Monday. This Monday many of them refused to sign a document pledging that they would obey managment instructions and were then suspended.

The rest of the trade unionists in dispute work mainly in the three London inland exchanges. Some of these have been sent home for refusing to connect the BT network to Mercury. Others were deemed to be taking industrial action by management for refusing to sign the document.

Hold centre ground, Walker tells Tories

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Peter Walker gave a warning yesterday that the Conservative Party must retain its position in the centre ground of politics or risk losing the next general election.

In a plea to the Government to present a more caring public image, Mr Walker made a powerful restatement of traditional Conservative "one nation" values, told the party to apply them to the 1980s and highlighted the divisions in society.

"The Conservative Party must be the party of national unity or it is nothing", Mr Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, told a Tory Reform Group fringe meeting at the party conference in Blackpool.

The speech was the first of a series by leading "wets" this week urging the Government to emphasize its concern for the poor, needy, homeless, and other disadvantaged groups, and to come to terms with the public expenditure implications of the increasing number of people receiving state benefits.

It reflects concern among many Tory MPs over the Government's handling of the recently announced health service manpower cuts and the fear that its public face may be hardening. Today, Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Cabinet minister, will continue on the same line when he speaks on the theme "Is Toryism Dead?" to another fringe meeting.

Mr Walker said Labour was bound to become a more effective opponent than it was on June 9, and what Dr David Owen was now saying about the market economy had some attractions to Tory voters.

"In other words, we can no longer rely on our opponents to make such a contribution to our next electoral victory as they did to the last. Nor should we forget that our victory would not have been possible had we not pursued policies and measures in the true Tory tradition."

Mr Walket said the Conservatives must "shun the pursuit of narrow sectional interests" and never embrace extremist policies or those who espoused them. "Our tradition has never been to exacerbate or profit from the divisions in society, but to heal, reconcile and balance."

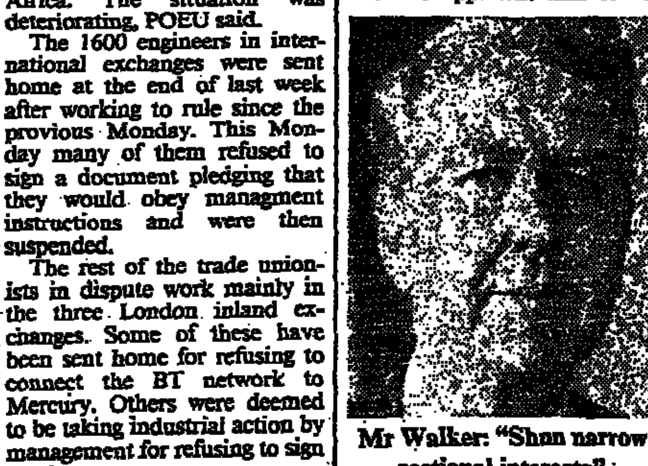
Mr Walker pointedly referred to the fact that in the last government expenditure on the health service had doubled, many more doctors and nurses had been provided and hundreds of millions had been injected to save British Leyland.

"Had we eradicated those measures and replaced them with some *laissez-faire* doctrine drawn from nineteenth century liberalism, we would have deserved to lose the election", he added.

He spoke of the areas where there were still two nations not one – the major cities, where the poor and jobless festered in the inner city, while the affluent moved to the suburbs; on the factory floor "where we have gone from rule by shop steward in the sixties and seventies to rule by management diktat in the recession of the eighties; between North and South; and between black and white where those with black or brown skins had less chance of a job, more of a slum, and sometimes, no chance of good education.

Mr Walker echoed Mr Francis Pym's weekend speech when he said that government and employers must see that the swift advance of technology created a fuller life

"We must show that we can lead Britain into the future, without forsaking the best of the past, and that we can ease the pain of transition for those who are hurt by change.



Mr Walker: "Shun narrow sectional interests"

Police kill Korean in Burma

Rangoon (Reuter) – Burmese police claimed to have killed one Korean terrorist, captured another and to be seeking a third, after the bomb blast here in which 20 people died.

A government announcement last night gave no details of the Koreans, and did not say whether they came from North or South Korea.

The captured Korean was seriously wounded when a grenade he tried to throw at his pursuers exploded at Pazundaung Creek in eastern Rangoon on Monday night. The alarm had been raised by local residents, who reported seeing a man swimming down the creek.

A second incident occurred when villages in Thakhutpin, six miles north-west of Rangoon, informed police about two suspicious-looking foreigners. The two men were arrested but one of them managed to throw a grenade which wounded three policemen. Police shot and killed him, but the other Korean escaped.

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Ulster yard seeks 'lost' £4m contract

From Our Correspondent
Belfast

Harland & Wolff, the Belfast shipbuilders are likely to make a bid today to take over the £4m share of a Ministry of Defence order for the Falkland Islands which Sunderland Shipbuilders, the Weirside subsidiary of British Shipbuilders has surrendered because of a three-week unofficial strike.

Only last week H & W announced that they had a separate share of the project to build a floating harbour for Port Stanley. The entire "flexiport" is due for delivery in only 14 weeks.

Yesterday, Harland & Wolff chairman Mr John Parker said: "We have already been asked whether we could take on Sunderland Shipbuilders' share. Clearly, it is something we will have to decide within 24 hours. My main concern is whether we could complete it within 14 weeks without prejudicing work on the part of the project we already have.

"Public memories are short and if we missed the delivery date people would not recall that it was because Sunderland Shipbuilders had a strike, it would simply be noted as Harland & Wolff falling down", said Mr Parker.

He said he was to spend the afternoon seeing whether a local Northern Ireland consortium could be put together

● Jobs at the Pallion yard in Sunderland are certain to be lost when the strike ends. Mr Eric Welsh, the managing director of the company, said yesterday.

Three initiatives by the Confederation of Shipbuilding & Engineering Unions to end the deadlock have failed and the 2,000 strikers, angry about a productivity payment made to 40 crane drivers at the yard, have ignored pleas to return to work.

Packing up troubles in a Marine's kitbag

From Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent, Saros Bay, Turkey

Many Royal Marines on a Nato exercise in Turkey are carrying up to £150 worth of their own equipment because they say their standard issue kit is unsatisfactory.

Several complained of a combat boot first issued last year, which they claim falls apart after a few months. That was demonstrated yesterday by a member of 40 Commando, who lay in a Turkish field and put a knife between the sole and upper.

The Marines are taking part in an exercise called "Display Determination" and are advancing inland after an amphibious landing with Turkish forces on the northern shores of Saros Bay, within sight of the Gallipoli peninsular.

Apart from concern with their boots, several have bought their own rucksacks for about £60 because they say the standard issue bergen is too small and uncomfortable.

Other complaints concern the solid fuel stove, which they say is smoky and smelly, and waterproof equipment. Some have bought camping gas stoves for £15 and waterproof jackets for £40. With other privately-bought equipment such as mess tins and socks, the outlay can total £150.

Some even spend a further £50 special underwear when operating in Arctic conditions

But the boot is the really painful story for the Marines. They claim that although 17,000 pairs were rejected last year because of manufacturing defects, the new ones still fall apart

A Royal Marine spokseman in Britain admitted there were some drawbacks in equipment, but added: "In general our total pacage is better than most armies. In 14 years' service I have never had to buy any equipment."

He said one of the problems was that they had to compromise because they could not use Arctic equipment in the Mediterranean and vice versa. He added that a new rucksack that could be separated to enable a man to change repidly into fighting order was to be issued soon.

Social workers vote to step up action in pay and hours battle

By Alan Hamilton

Delegates representing 25,000 residential social workers yesterday voted to extend their industrial action which has disrupted the lives of many hundreds of children in local authority care throughout Britain.

At a conference called by the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) in London, the 250 representatives voted overwhelmingly that, if a meeting with the local authority employers next Monday did not produce a satisfactory pay offer, they would give union branches the authority to call selective strikes, work strictly to office hours, resist the employment of temporary staff, ban the movement of children to other homes, and refuse to sleep overnight in the homes where thay are employed.

For the past four weeks the social workers, who staff council homes for children, old people and the mentally handicapped, have been operating an overtime ban and a ban on new admissions in support of a longstanding claim for a shorter working week and extra payments for shift and weekend working.

The local authority employers' joint body said yesterday that it deeply regretted the decision, which would increase the risk of harm to those in care least able to look after themselves. Yesterday's union decision was preempted by a 24-hour strike by all 270 residential social workers from 23 local authority homes in Sheffield.

In the London Borough of Lambeth, one of the most seriously affected by the dispute because of the heavy demand on social services and the high number of unfilled vacancies, local union officials have admitted that children have on several occasions been left in their homes over weekends with no adult supervision, and only the telephone number of a senior social worker to call in an emergency.

Mr Hugh Williams, spokesman for the Lambeth branch of Nalgo, said that "on three or four occasions" children aged 13 and upwards had been left unattended for weekends, under the nominal supervision of a resident of the home, aged 19.

It had first happened at the council's home at West Norwood, but had been repeated at other homes which both the union and Lambeth Council declined to name. "We are very unhappy about this, but it is up to the council to provide supervision," Mr Williams said.

Lambeth has closed 11 children's homes for the duration of the dispute, and has placed about 120 children with foster parents, or in privately-run charitable homes, sometimes in the country away from London.

Mr Michael Blick, chairman of Nalgo's local government committee, said yesterday that if there was an escalation after next Monday's talks, it would be entirely the employers' responsibility. The union, he said, had tried to minimize the effect on those who lived in council homes, while maximizing the cost and inconvenience to the councils.

Some local authorities, notably Strathclyde and Staffordshire, have been trying to hire large numbers of temporary staff to help to run their homes during the dispute. Lambeth's policy has been not to hire any outside workers, but to find the children alternative accommodation where possible.

So far the dispute has had no noticeable effect on the borough's homes for the elderly and the mentally hadicapped, because fewer of the relevant social worker grades are employed in them. However, some mentally handicapped children in Lambeth have been moved from children's homes.

Some local union officials have been surprised at the hard line taken by the left-wing council in Lambeth.



High stakes: James Mallett, aged 14, from Gloucester the youngest winner of Britain's Monopoly finals, meeting Mr Gerald Marks commercial counsellor at the US Embassy in London, before heading for the World Monopoly Championships in Miami.

BCal order boosts airbus prospects

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

British Caledonian Airways, the country's largest private airline, has become the launch customer for the European Airbus A320, the planned 150-seat jet, whose future is still dependent on big investments by the governments of Britain and West Germany.

Sir Adam Thomson, the airline's chairman, confirmed yesterday that it had placed a £150m order for seven A320s, three for delivery in the spring of 1988 and the remainder in 1989, with an option to buy a further three.

The decision comes after a recent announcement by British Airways that it preferred to lease existing Boeing aircraft to replace its fleet of noisy Tridents rather than commit itself to firm orders for the A320 or any other contender in the potential market for 150-seat aircraft that is expected to develop by the end of the decade.

While it waits for the A320s, BCal is to spend about £500,000 on each of its 14 BAC 1-11 jets so that they conform to new noise legislation, are fitted with "blind landing" capaability, and are equipped with new seats and galleys.

The order has given the A320 a boost at a time when the depressed world aerospace industry was regarding 150-seat projects with scepticism. It will also spur the British Government into making a decision on whether to provide up to £400m of launch aid to British Aerospace, which manufacturers wings for the Airbus Industrie consortium (AI).

BA has a 20 per cent stake in Airbus Industre with the French and West German industries each holding 37.9 per cent. Air France and the domestic carrier Air Inter have ordered 35 A320s with options to buy 35 more, but until now, British and West German carriers have held back.

BCal has already ordered three A310 wide-bodied Airbuses while British Airways has stuck to American aircraft. Sir Adam Thomson said yesterday: "By pinning our colours to the Airbus mast as a launch customer for the A320, we are confident that BCal will become the catalyst to bring the very latest European aircraft manufacturing ventureinto successful reality."

The initial A320s for BCal will be powered by General Electric's CFM 56-4 engines but, significantly, the airline said it had not ruled out the possibility of equipping future planes with the proposed IAE2500 engine being developed by a five-nation consortium in which Britain's Rolls-Royce is a partner.

The advanced, fuel efficient engine is also awaiting launch aid decisions which could cost the British government another £400m.

'MI6 holiday' plot thickens

By Richard Evans and Richard Ford

A hoax holiday competition involving a middle-aged Dublin couple, Britain's security services and Irish terrorists turned into an Irish "who-dunnit" mystery last night.

Was it MI6 which set up Mr and Mrs Tony Hayde as the contest winners in order to extract information on Irish terrorist groups while the couple enjoyed their "prize" under the Torremolinos sun?

Or was it a deep-laid plot by the enemy to discredit British Intelligence?

From yesterday's revelations, it was possible to choose either conclusion.

Certainly, the allegations against MI6 gained strength when it was learnt that letters sent out in connexion with the "free holiday prize" ostensibly from a holiday company called Casuro in fact bore the telephone number listed in internal Post Office records as belonging to No 60 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, the London "station" of MI6. And the address on the letters was merely that of a mailbox company service, on the other side of London.

[Yesterday a call to that telephone number, 222 7443 was greeted by an answering machine]

One of the letters went to a reputable Dublin firm, Melia Travel, booking a week's holiday for two at the Melia Costa Del Sol hotel in Spain. The other letter went to Mr and Mrs Hayde announcing they had won the week in Torremolinos as third prize in the – bogus – contest. The couple, who live in Walkinstown, Dublin, are founder members of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, political wing of the Irish National Liberation Army.

Melia Travel has confirmed not only that it received the holiday booking from "Casuro" – signed by "Frank Moate, marketing manager" – but also a banker's draft for IR£100. Melia confirmed the booking in writing to Casuro's London address and on September 2 this year received final payment of IR£462, along with instructions that the tickets should be sent to the Haydes.

Mr and Mrs Hayde say that after arriving in Torremolinos they went out for dinner with the holiday courier and other "prize winners", who all later said they were involved with British intelligence.

The couple, who admit to having met Dominic McGlinchey, allegedly INLA chief of staff and Ireland's most wanted man, say they were offered immediate cash and the promise of a further £10,000 in return for information.

Mr Hayde, aged 45, and his wife, Margaret, aged 41, declined, saying they knew nothing about terrorists. They immediately checked out of their holiday hotel.

Mr Matthew Corcoran, manager of Melia in Dublin, said that with hindsight the paperwork from Casuro looked a little strange. Another member of the firm said it was odd that Casuro had made no request for the 10 per cent discount due to travel agents.

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The letterhead of the mysterious "holiday company".

Sale room

Birds show diminishing returns

Collectors of English watercolours demonstrated forcefully that they knew what they wanted at Christie's yesterday, bidding wildly beyond expectations for some items and leaving others alone. Decorative watercolours of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century were the top runners.

A private collector paid £10,800 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000) for an Archibald Thorburn watercolour of "A woodcock in the snow" dated 1924. It is an excellent example of the bird illustrator's work and makes a nice picture too, with the woodcock nestling in the snowy grass under a holly tree.

Christie's, however, had expected a covey of birds to fetch more than one bird. Thorburn's "The morning call" dated 1911, depicting a group of grouse waking up in the mountain heather, sold for £8,100 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000) to Richard Green, the London dealer.

Albert Goodwin, Helen Allingham and Myles Birket Foster were the other favourites with Goodwin's "Westminster from a house top" of 1915 selling for £10,260 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) and Allingham's "Near Haslemere" for £6,480 (estimate £2,500 to £3,500).

These pictures all came from private sources and had not been seen on the market before.

At Phillips a fine late seventeenth century enamel and gold cased watch sold for £29,700 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) to a private collector. It is signed by Jean Pierre Huaud who worked with his brother for the court of Brandenburg.

Sotheby's printed book sale made £43,860. Quaritch, the book dealer, paid £1,155 (estimate £250 to £300) for a series of 26 bookseller's catalogues issued by Payne and Foss between 1799 and 1840.

Miners move closer to overtime ban

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

A national overtime ban may be mounted in the mining industry over the issue of pit closures, although there are signs that the National Union of Mineworkers will accept the coal board's "final" 5.2 per cent pay offer.

All branches of the union in the traditionally-moderate Lancashire coalfield have voted to support an overtime ban, the miners' customary way of starting a strike, and the militant coalfields such as Yorkshire, south Wales and Scotland are expected to follow.

A final decision on whether to engage in limited industrial action over the coal board's programme of accelerated pit closures will be taken at a special delegates' conference in London on October 21. Mr Sid Vincent, secretary of the Lancashire miners, said last night: "I think it will happen, because the board are just riding roughshod over us."

The union's executive meets in Sheffield tomorrow to determine its next move in the battle over pit closures, which the union seems powerless to prevent at present. In the past year, the board has shut, merged or is in the process of closing 23 pits and coking plants with the loss of 11,028 jobs.

There is less likelihood of a dispute over pay, however. The Lancashire area council of the union has recommended to branches that the men accept the board's offer of increases ranging from £4.90 to £6.80 a week. Lancashire is considered a reliable barometer of opinion in the coalfields and acceptance of the offer there suggests that it will go through nationally.

Prior pledge on Maze escape

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday after meeting the Northern Ireland Assembly's security committee that he would resign if the inquiry into the Maze prison breakout revealed that government policies were responsible for the escape.

But he denied during a two-hour meeting with committee members that government cutbacks were responsible for the mass escape by Provisional IRA prisoners and pledged to make public as many of the findings of Sir James Hennessy's inquiry as possible. His meeting seems to have halted for the time being demands for his resignation and that of Mr Nicholas Scott, under secretary of state with responsibility for prisons, with Democratic Unionist Party assembly member, Mr Gregory Campbell, saying that they were now prepared to wait until the completion of the inquiry.

Mr Prior told the committee that expenditure on Ulster prisons this year had increased from £55.8m to £61.3m and that the number of staff in the cellular part of the complex had risen from 986 in 1982 to 1,046 this year.

A team of 10 led by Sir James is investigating the escape but Mr Prior told the committee that it would be complex and time-consuming and it would be some time before the report was completed.

He promised a further meeting with the committee, but said afterwards that there was no indication so far that there had been any lapse of policy for which he should resign.

Kinnock ultimatum over health service debate

By John Winder

The Prime Minister has rejected Mr Neil Kinnock's first request, as Leader of the Opposition, for an early Commons debate on the health service.

Yesterday Mr Kinnock sent a strongly-worded request to Mrs Thatcher to reconsider her decision. He added that if the Prime Minister would not give way, the Opposition would use one of its days to hold a debate.

Recording his disappointment at Mrs Thatcher's response, Mr Kinnock wrote to 10 Downing Street yesterday: "You appear to think that your Government has a creditable record in health service matters and yet you will not give government time to presenting that record."

Mr kinnock quotes recent press reports of Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, feeling obliged to address a meeting of Conservative MPs on the matter and adds: "But it seems that he would not, without the prompting of the Labour Opposition and the facility offered by an opposition day, be fulfilling the same obligation to the public."

Last night Mr Kinnock was awaiting a reply from the Prime Minister.

A reproof to Mr Kinnock for hesitating to use opposition time to debate the health service was given last night by Mr Alan Beith, Liberal Chief Whip. He said: "If we had control of opposition time we should certainly use it for that purpose."

Politics ban challenged

Government attempts to exclude political content from courses and projects in the £1,000m Youth Training Scheme will be criticized at a meeting today when attempts will be made to scrap the proposed guidelines (Our Labour Correspondent writes).

A meeting of the Youth Training Board, which advises the Manpower Service Commission on the operations of the YTS, will discuss calls from voluntary, educational, and youth organizations and the TUC that to follow the terms of a draft memorandum, published in *The Times* last month, would severely curtail some courses.

The meeting in Sheffield, which will be chaired by Mr David Young, commission chairman, will also hear that Mr Peter Morrison, Minister at the Department of Employment responsible for youth training, has indicated that he intends to ensure that politics are excluded from the YTS.

The Youth Training Board is likely to call on the minister to revise his proposed guidelines

Deaths despite urgent call over leukaemia

By Nicholas Timmins

Children and adults with leukaemia are dying waiting for bone marrow transplants 16 months after a government-backed study recommended urgent steps to improve facilities, doctors said yesterday.

The Black report on bone marrow transplantation which recommended proper health service funding for four centres in London and the creation of several centres outside London, was sent to Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Health, in June last year.

But the Department of Health confirmed that its supra-regional specialities advisory group, which is considering the recommendations, is to have its first detailed discussion on the issue on Friday.

The Black inquiry was set up after a public outcry over the fact that 97 children had died waiting for bone marrow transplants at Westminster Hospital, London.

The unit there uses transplantation to treat in-born errors and bone marrow failure as well as leukaemias.

Professor John Hobbs, Professor of Chemical Pathology at the hospital, said: "Since the Black report the situation has got worse, not better".

Seven more children on the waiting list had died, he said. Another 15 had been taken off it because they had gone past the point where a transplant would work. "They will probably die in the near future as they all have fatal diseases".

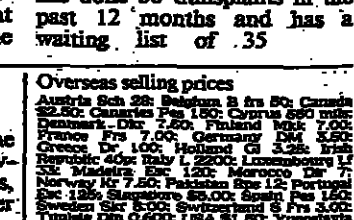
The present waiting list was 45, he said, but the hospital had facilities to do only three or four transplants a month, although all the patients had donors available. "If I am realistic at least half these pateints will not get a bone marrow transplant and it may be as many as two-thirds of them will just have to go and die".

At the Royal Free Hospital in London a specialist six bed leukaemia unit has remained closed since the hospital was built 10 years ago. The £150,000 a year needed for nursing staff has not be made available.

Dr Ray Powles, consultant physician at the Royal Marsden Hospital, the largest of the four London centres, said own unit has done 56 transplants in the past 12 months and has a waiting list of 35

Correction

The director-general of the Association of Vehicle Recovery Operators is Mr John Wells, not Watts, as stated on October 8.



Overseas selling prices
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Why Britain wanted to bar Shamir from Palestine

No. 67 Top Secret.

Your telegram No. 28.

Jewish terrorists at Jibuti.

Yesternitsky and Zabrowsky are among the most fanatical terrorist leaders and it is considered that imprisonment or detention is the only satisfactory means of preventing them

Top secret: An Extract from the telegram dated 12th January 1948 urging detention of "Yesternitsky".

By Peter Hennessy

A Foreign Office file describing Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the new Prime Minister of Israel, as a "most fanatical terrorist" who should be prevented from fomenting "outrages" against British troops, is available for inspection at the Public Record Office in Kew, west London. It is preserved in documents on the last days of th British Mandate in Palestine.

Mr Shamir was a leader of Lehi (Fighters for the Freedom of Israel), better known in Britain as the "Stern Gang", a breakaway faction of Irgun, which used terrorist methods against British forces in Palestine.

Mr Shamir, who operated under the cover name "Yzernitzky" (spelt "yesternitsky" in the Foreign Office papers) was captured disguised as a rabbi in July 1946

He was exiled to Eritrea where he was imprisoned. But he escaped with a colleague, "Zabrowsky", to French Somaliland.

In January 1948, the British authorities discovered the two men were about to leave for Paris using forged Dominican passports. Diplomatic pressure was applied to the French to keep them in Djibouti



Sir Alan Cunningham: Feared further outrages

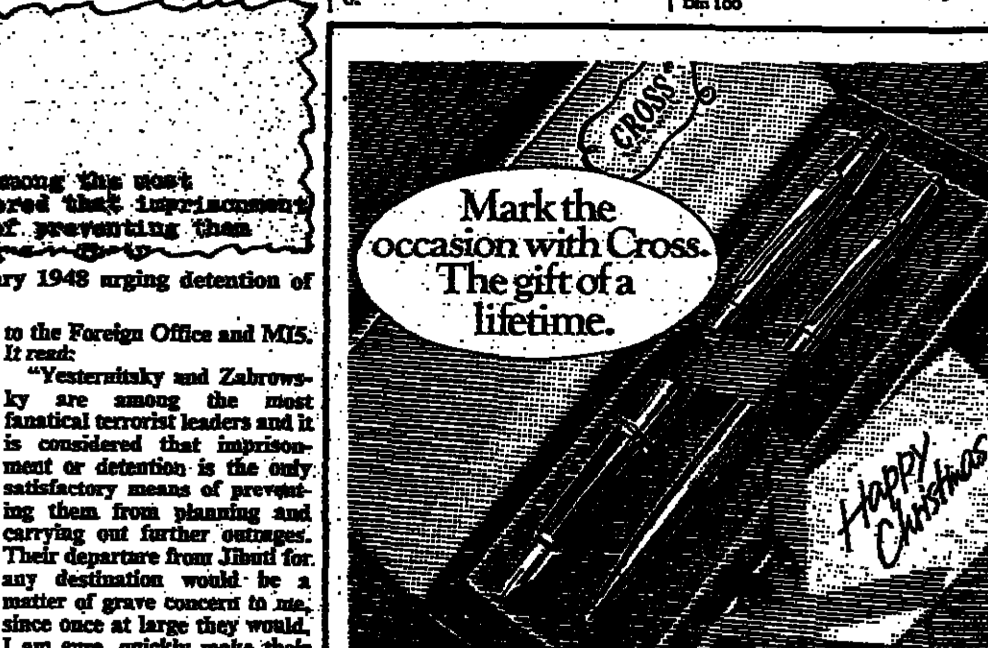
Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner in Palestine, his forces dwindling as the end of the Mandate approached, was adamant that "Yesternitsky and Zabrowsky" should be kept out.

On January 12, 1948, he sent a top secret telegram to Mr Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, with copies to the Foreign Office and MI5. It read:

"Yesternitsky and Zabrowsky are among the most fanatical terrorist leaders and it is considered that imprisonment or detention is the only satisfactory means of preventing them from planning and carrying out further outrages. Their departure from Jibuti for any destination would be a matter of grave concern to me, since once at large they would, I am sure, quickly make their way to a place from which they could organize further terrorist activities."

In an interview with Lord Bethell, historian of the last days of the Mandate, Mr Shair defended the Lehi tactic of assassinating individuals, mentioning the case of Sergeant T. G. Martin, the British military policeman who had penetrated the rabbis disguise worn by him in July 1946. Lehi later assassinated Martin

The "Yesternitsky" telegram can be found at the PRO in FO 371/68630. Mr Shamir's interview is reproduced in *The Palestine Triangle* by Nicholas Bethell (Andre Deutsch, £7.95).



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Contempt for authority led David Martin to 25-year jail sentence

By John Witherow

When David Martin was in prison, one story relates, the guards would regularly find his cell door open in the morning with Martin lying on his bunk, gazing at the ceiling and whistling nonchalantly.

The story illustrates two important influences in Martin's life that led him to notoriety and yesterday's prison sentence of 25 years: a remarkable ability with locks and an overriding contempt for authority.

The first facilitated a life of crime and the second, when coupled with a fascination with guns, turned him from a fleeting period into Britain's most wanted man.

But Martin's sudden elevation to the front pages came not as a result of his shooting of Police Constable Nicholas Carr on his daring escape from Marylebone Magistrates' Court, but because another man, Stephen Waldorf, was mistakenly shot by police instead of him.

It was that shooting, and the impending trial of two policemen, which cast a shadow over the trial of Martin and focused attention on a man who would normally get only a few column inches.

Everyone who knows Martin agrees that he is a strange, complicated personality. The police, used to dealing with "ordinary villains", were perplexed by his self-confessed transvetisim coupled with an apparently violent nature.

They also found it hard to understand his total disregard for his own safety. One policeman said: "I couldn't relate to him. He's a cold guy, very calculating. He's different; intriguing even".

An acquaintance, asked what pushed Martin into crime, replied: "He's got a grudge against society and he vents it by breaking laws".

That grudge, which came through in his resentment and sarcasm, while he was in the witness box, stems from Martin's personality and his deep grievance over an eight-year prison sentence he received for forgery and fraud.

According to the acquaintance, his attitude then became: "If they give me that sort of sentence for a trifle, I'll behave like a real criminal".

While he was inside he never accepted the prison regime and in 1974 took part in a mass escape from Brixton but he was recaptured in a taxi in Streatham. He recieved an extra 12 months and went on to serve a total of nine years, earning no remission.

While in prison he made 10 moves, and spent much of his time in top-security jails including Parkhurst in the Isle of Wight. Prison undoubtedly made a strong impact on Martin and in the opinion of the prosecution, may have made him prepared to use any means, including guns, to prevent his arrest and further confinement.

Before that Martin had drifted into petty crime, gradually getting convicted for more serious offences. The only child of a close family in north London, where his father was a plumber and fitter, Martin was caught stealing petrol and a motor cycle when he was 15. Two years later he spent three months in a detention centre for punching a policeman during a fight outside a club. At school he passed O levels in physics, metalwork and technical drawing and worked later as a motor mechanic.

In 1969 he was sentenced to 21 months for fraud and handling stolen goods, and in 1973 he was sentenced to eight years. Martin emerged in September, 1981, and within months was again drawn to crime, but this time he started handling guns.

He used his ability with locks to break into several premises and became involved in video piracy. Then a friend suggested, according to Martin, that he take part in a cash snatch from a security van. It was soon after that raid, in which Martin said he did not know his accomplice had guns, that he shot PC Carr during a struggle.

Before the shooting Martin gave the police the name of David Demain, a pseudonym that he often used. In retrospect, as Martin pointed out in the box, it seemed surprising that the police took another six weeks to trace him to his flat in Crawford Place, just off the Edgware Road in west London. He said his driving licence was registered in the name of Demain but apparently no check was made.

When Martin was challenged outside his flat he drew two handguns and was shot in the neck by police. Despite his wound he continued fighting – hoping to be "finished off", he told the court.

Martin's apparent death wish was a constant theme in the trial. He told the jury he had considered jumping in front of a Tube train during the chase before his second arrest and had hidden a knife in his mouth with the intention of cutting his throat.

The prosecution tried to depict him as a highly intelligent and dangerous criminal, but that view was disputed by a friend who said that Martin was never a killer; just someone who liked to convince people he was ruthless.

"He simply doesn't care", he added. "David is resigned to going back to prison". The difference this time, though, is that Martin is reputed to have told his guards that he will not remain locked up for long.



Rich pickings: The first bins of grapes at Waldron Vineyards, Heathfield, East Sussex, showing the rare but sought after noble rot, promise a bumper harvest of fine quality, Mrs Gay Biddlecombe right, a cofounder of the business, says. She is being helped by Miss Debbie Pennington, left. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Overcharging lawyer not guilty of fraud

Mr Glanville Davies, a solicitor who overcharged a client by £131,000 was not guilty of deliberate fraud, a High Court judge said yesterday.

The Welsh solicitor, a former member of the Council of the Law Society, had sent his client, Leslie Parsons, a bill for £198,000. That was later reduced to £67,000 by the High Court costing official.

Now Mr Parsons is asking Mr Justice Vinelott to order that Mr Davis be struck off.

Mr Davies's counsel, Mr Michael Turner, QC, said yesterday that although Mr Davies was not resisting the striking-off move – which he did not consent but accepted as inevitable – his admission related only to nigligence over the costs bill.

The judge said that although Mr Davies had admitted that his conduct in submitting the bill amounted to gross and persistent professional misconduct, there was no suggestion that he was guilty of deliberate fraud.

Mr Parsons, aged 69, of Green Trees, Lon Hir, Carmarthen, is also seeking to recover from Mr Davies, a solicitor for 38 years, of Queen Victoria Road, Llanelli, Dyfed, the "substantial" costs of his case against him.

The hearing continues today.

TV satellite set for weekend debut

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The first satellite available to beam commercial television pictures into Britain and most of western Europe is expected to become fully operational on Saturday.

The European Communication Satellite (ECS1), was launced successfully in June from Kourou, in French Guyana by the Ariane rocket of the European Space Agency. Two of its channels have been allocated to Britain: Satellite Television, which is 65 per cent owned by News International, has one; a customer for the other is being selected.

Three days later – on October 18 – the Ariane rocket, again launched from French Guyana, will carry its first Intelsat satellite. The other recent launches of the satellites in this global communications network have been provided by the American Delta Centaur rocket.

The Intelsat V is to be the latest in a network of satellites, now numbering 17, in apparently static "geostationary" orbits 22,300 miles above the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans, carrying over 60 per cent of international telecommunications traffic.

The European satellite (ECS1) will not carry television pictures until the end of the year.

Plan to cut Crown Court delays

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A "profound change" in the way criminals are handled is to be tried out in six Crown Court centres.

New procedures, being introduced for a six-month experiment starting on November 1, are intended to cut delays by exchanging more information between prosecution and defence.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, launching the pilot project, says: "The scheme should stimulate people to prepare cases as soon after committal as possible, so that the plea may be discovered and the real issues which will concern the jury may be identified."

Lord Justice Watkins, whose working party on the criminal trial produced the proposals, says that in the first eight months of this year, compared with a similar period in 1982, the number of cases committed to the Crown Court increased from 42,890 to 47,168, enough extra work to keep a court occupied for 27 years.

The working party's report says the parties already give the court some information for listing purposes. "We have adapted and expanded the present Crown Court listing information form so as to include a wider range of information."

One form to be filled in by the defendant's solicitor is intended to inform everyone as early as possible whether a case will be fought.

Defence counsel will fill in a second form requiring a commitment to a plea of guilty or not guilty in advance of the trial.

A third form not intended for use in all cases, will be issued on the instruction of the judges at a Crown Court centre and filled in by counsel.

The pilot project will take place at the following Crown Court centres: Central Criminal Court, Acton, Bristol, Carlisle, Chester and Warwick.

Mothers 'want more advice on birth'

By Diane Gackert

More than a third of new mothers are dissatisfied with their labour and delivery according to a birth survey.

Fewer than half of the 7,500 women surveyed felt they could ask doctors all the questions they wanted, and one in ten felt she could ask hardly any questions at all, *Parents* magazine reported yesterday.

The survey welcomed improvements in medical care and consultation. More than 80 per cent of fathers were present at the birth, compared with 72 per cent in 1981, when the magazine conducted its last survey. Most of those who were absent were at home taking care of older children.

But mothers felt a lack of essential advice. "Having a baby in Britain today can be a wonderful or a disappointing experience", the magazine said. "In general, mothers wanted more information, more choice in what happens to them and to be treated as individuals."

More than 40 per cent said they received no advice about taking medicines, 50 per cent no information on maternity benefits and 60 per cent no advice on alcohol consumption. Younger and first-time mothers were found to be especially in distress, and relied twice as much on books and pamphlets as on the advice of medical staff.

The lack of choice over hospitals, painkillers and delivery methods was a widespread complaint. Fewer than half the women had a choice of hospital, the survey reported.

The survey also revealed variations between regions. For example, ante-natal clinics in Scotland and the South-west had the shortest waiting times, and there was more choice of hospitals in London.

Firm halves price of video film

By Christopher Warman
Arts Correspondent

A leading video company is to reduce the price of a recent box office hit film on video cassette by about half in an attempt to encourage people to buy rather than rent video films.

CIC Video, owned by Paramount and Universal Films, is to offer Steven Spielberg's *Raiders of the Lost Ark* at £19.99 or less compared with a price of up to £45, when it goes on sale before Christmas.

At present the video market is almost exclusively rental, and cut-throat competition among high street traders has meant "unrealistically low" rental charges, according to Mr Laurie Hall, managing director of CIC Video. Charges on average are down to £1.50 to £2, and in some cases as low as 50 to 75p for a night's rental.

Vets 'shut eyes' on herpes

By Thomson Prentice

Fundamental sterilization procedures were not taken at a Newmarket veterinary surgery leading to the spread of a herpes virus which caused the death of nine horses, it was claimed in the High Court in London, yesterday.

The allegation was made by Mr Edward Cazelet, QC, representing Mrs Merrion Meade, and her daughter, the owners of the Ballintober Stud at Carlton, Newmarket, who are claiming damages of around £100,000 from the practice of Day and Partners, the longest-established veterinary practice in Newmarket.

Mr Cazelet said: "There were oral admissions later by members of the practice accepting that the disease was contracted as a result of contact with an infected animal at the surgery. But until then the defendants were "shutting their eyes to reality and hoping against hope that all this would be swept under the carpet".

Mrs Meade and her daughter Mis Breffny Meade claim that as a result of veterinary negligence some of their horses contracted a form of equine herpes known as EHVI which attacks the central nervous system. They are claiming compensation for three of nine horses which have died since the outbreak of the virus in 1979.

It is alleged that members of the practice were negligent in allowing a horse with symptoms of the virus to come into contact with horses from the Meade's stud at their surgery, and then allowing those animals to return to spread the infection among others at the stud.

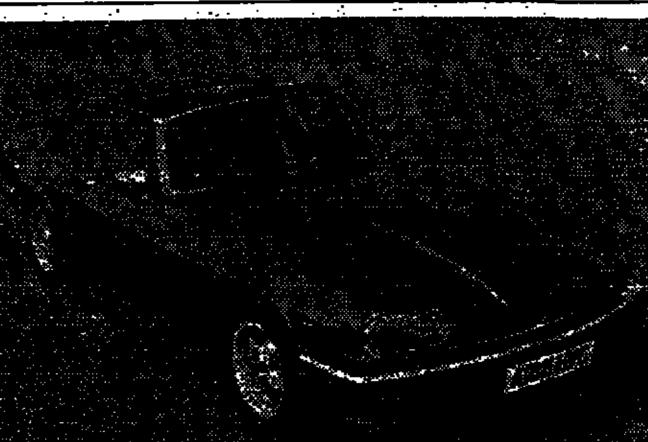
Yesterday, Mr Cazelet said that one of the Meades mares, Tiny Alice, was placed in a box next to a horse from another stud which was later found to be the source of the virus. No preventative steps were taken and Tiny Alice was allowed to return to stud

Miss Meade, aged 35, was the first witness called yesterday. She read extracts from her diary recording the deteriorating condition fo Tiny Alice in the week after the mare was returned from the surgery in Newmarket.

The case continues today.

Jaguar unveils open-top

Jaguar Cars today launches its first open-top sports car since the famous E-type went out of production nine years ago. The XJ-S 3.6 litre Cabriolet is powered by a remarkable new all-alloy engine which is at the heart of Jaguar's new model strategy for the next decade (Clifford Webb, Our Motoring Correspondent, writes).



The new Jaguar 3.6 litre Cabriolet

With twin overhead camshafts operating four valves per cylinder, the six-cylinder AJ6 engine is based on Grand Prix practice. It is only the third new Jaguar engine in more than 30 years, develops 225bhp compared with 205bhp for the present XK 4.2 litre unit and is 30 per cent lighter. In the Cabriolet, it has a maximum speed of 142mph, and a 0-60mph time of 7.6 seconds.

The biggest advance, however, is in fuel economy. The new engine will return a comfortable 25mpg compared with 18 for the existing engine. It was to achieve that, more than anything else, that Jaguar spent £30m to install a new, highly automated production line with a weekly capacity of more than 1,000 engines, at its works in Radford, Coventry.

That is double the existing capacity and will not be operating at full stretch until the appearance of the new XJ 40 saloon which, originally planned for launch next year, is being held back because of the continuing demand for present models.

The Cabriolet is based on the existing XJ-S 5.3 litre 12-cylinder sports coupé. The body, without roof and rear panels, is completed at Jaguar's Castle Bromwich plant and shipped to the Park Sheet Metal Company in Coventry for conversion into a cabriolet with twin roll bars.

A novel solution for the old problem of stealing from open topped cars is the use of large twin lockable storage bins behind the front seats.

The Cabriolet costs £20,756, but a fully enclosed version of the XJ-S with the new smaller engine instead of the existing 12-cylinder unit is available for £506 less. Both are fitted as standard with the German made Getrag five-speed manual gearbox. Automatic versions are expected later.

Worst murderers will serve minimum of 20 years, Brittan says

Reports from Alan Wood, Robert Morgan, Gordon Wellman, Howard Underwood, and Barbara Day

Murderers, terrorists and all violent criminals face longer prison sentences in future, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary said yesterday in the law and order debate, at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool.

Violent criminals and drug traffickers sentenced to more than five years will not be eligible for *parole*.

In cases where he judged that the release of a murderer would endanger the public, the person would not be released. Life would mean life.

Mr Brittan listed other types of murder which would carry a minimum sentence of 20 years: Murders of police and prison officers, terrorist murders, sex or sadistic murders of children and those committed on armed robbery. The announcements were greeted with loud applause.

These measures demonstrated that those who preyed on their fellow citizens did so at their peril, Mr Brittan said.

Mr Richard Bull, for the Greater London area council, opening the debate, said that during the election campaign ten times as many people asked about law and order as about the economy, unemployment or any other issue.

Mr Bull moved a motion which *recognized the progress made in* increasing the numbers and effectiveness of the police but called on

'Safety of public is paramount'

the Government to take further measures to strengthen the force of the law "in order to reverse, and finally eradicate, the growing wave of lawlessness in Britain."

He said that the debate had aroused intense interest in the media, possibly because they were looking forward to the traditional Tory sport of bashing the Home Secretary. But the media must also recognize that law and order was one of the great concerns of the public.

It was surprising that the other parties *had not debated it at their* conferences. The Liberals and SDP seemed too tied up with internal wrangling and the Labour Party debated the police, he said.

The majority of crimes, especially muggings, burglaries and vandalism, were committed by young people – but it was not because their *character had changed, as the young* soldiers in the Falklands had shown.

He did not agree with those who thought unemployment was to blame because unemployment might go up or down, but crime always rose.

They must, therefore, look elsewhere for an explanation for the *increase in crime. One place to look* was in schools. Once they had imposed discipline and taught respect for society's values and for the law. "Does anyone still believe they do today?" he asked.

The Home Secretary and other ministers should make sure schools did impose the right discipline and *respect for the law*.

"Let us make our view plain: Stiffer sentences do work, they do deter" (applause).

Mr Nicholas Bennett, Gillingham, said that the conference should show that it was in favour of strong punishments for violent crime. "In too many cases the prisoner is out of prison before the victim is out of hospital and that cannot be right." (Applause).

There were cheers when Mr Bennett said that he did not agree with the decision taken by the House of Commons not to reintroduce capital punishment, and when he asked how Conservative MPs could argue the case for multilateral disarmament on the basis of deterrent and then argue

'A life sentence may mean life'

that the same principle of detterent did not work on the individual.

If IRA gunmen knew they were going to be caught, the death penalty would deter the vast majority of them (cheers).

Mr Jim Jardine, former chairman of the Police Federation said the Home Secretary should allow the police to do the job they were appointed to do and not tie their hands by regulations.

The people had the strong police service they expected. All that was needed was the support of Parliament. Lacking on capital punishment, in the case of the new *Police Bill*.

Mr Brittan commended the motion to the conference, saying that it combined recognition of the progress that had been made with a vigorous spur towards further action. That was a challenge he readily accepted.

In the first term of office the fight against the evil of inflation was the Government's most fundamental task. In the second term the fight against crime was the key task for all.

"There is today a great wave of anger against the wanton violence which disfigures our society. That anger is not confined to this conference and party. It is real, it is genuine. I share it to the full."

The Conservative Party was seen by millions of people as the only party willing to stand up the men of violence, the terrorist, the thug, the child molester, he said.

The public had shown its confidence in the party. He was *determined that confidence would* not be betrayed (applause).

That would require action, not just words – and action there would be.

The Government would encourage developments like the "neighbourhood watch" schemes in London.

*Sentencing was of vital import*ance. The police and courts could be effective only and law and order upheld if public confidence in the

Mr Jardine: "Let police do the job"

system was strong. Sentences which failed to reflect society's deep abhorrence of violent crime under*mined that confidence* and weakened the criminal justice system.

Mr Brittan said that the public did not desire revenge but justice to be done and to be seen to be done. Tough sentences for the worst crimes were essential, but they were not sufficient.

"You have to catch the criminal *before you can punish him*". *There* were now more than 10,000 more policemen in England and Wales and many more of them were back on the beat. In London 650 policemen were being moved from desks to the streets, to combat crime and above all to prevent it.

But to do that effectively the police must have *the* powers *they* need to enforce the law. That was why he would shortly reintroduce the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

There would be some important changes, but its aim remained better enforcement of the law, combined with surer guarantees of the citizen's rights.

The Home Secretary announced that he was introducing the following measures: Life sentences; no life prisoner to be released except by the Home Secretary.

"In any case where I judge that there is a risk to the public, release is simply not authorized. In such cases *a life sentence may indeed mean* life.

"The paramount consideration that I shall always have in mind will be the safety of the public and not, I am afraid, in these cases the interests of the individual criminal." (applause).

Mr Brittan said that the much-quoted figure for the average period served before release was a misleading one for it took no account of all those who remained in prison.

"Nevertheless, I am taking specific further steps now to make it clear that those who commit some of the very worst types of murder will serve a very long time indeed.

"I am accordingly today specifying the minimum period which will normally be served by prisoners in certain categories. I emphasize that this is a minimum period only. There will be cases where the gravity of the offence requires a still longer period."

'We must stand up to violence'

Recalling that during the Com*mons capital punishment debate he* announced that those who murdered police officers could normally expect to serve at least 20 years, the Home Secretary said: "But those who murder prison officers are also killing people who are in the front line of the battle against crime. They too, can expect to serve at least 20 years". (Applause).

Mr Brittan continued: "Terrorist murderers for their part seek to destroy the very fabric of our society. They aim to secure by violence what they cannot obtain by the ballot box.

"They are the bitter and sworn enemies of a free society. It is for that reason that they, too, must serve at least 20 years prison (applause). Many of them will serve very much longer.

"There are two further categories of murder where I think it right to specify clearly a minimum period which those who perpetrate the offences can expect to serve.

"Those who commit sexual or sadistic murders of children, are guilty of acts of a peculiarly repellant character. It is right that they, too should expect to serve at least 20 years in prison (applause).

"There is also widespread and justifiable concern about criminals who carry firearms when committing robberies and shoot someone in order to get away from the scene of the crime. It is essential that those who behave in that way should know that they will be in prison for a far longer period than if they had committed the robbery but had left their guns at home.

"I intend that such murderers should also serve at least 20 years (applause).

"Murders others than the ones I have specified cover too wide a range of curcumstances to be readily categorized. But some will be every bit as serious as those I singled out," Mr Brittan said.

Mr Brittan said that he was *particularly* concerned about the rapid growth of crimes involving firearms. The number of armed robberies had increased four fold between 1971 and 1981.

"I shall be bringing forward legislation to increase the maximum sentence for carrying firearms in

'Our mission is to defend law'

furtherance of crime from fourteen years to life imprisonment."

At *present* the Court of Appeal could not rule that a sentence was too lenient. He would, therefore, introduce legislation, as part of the Bill on the independent prosecution service, to allow the Attorney General to refer over-lenient sentences.

Although the original sentence *would not be altered, it would make* clear what the correct punishment should be for similar cases.

There was growing public critism about the growing gap between the length of sentence passed and that served. People wanted to know with some certainty what a sentence would mean in practice, he said.

"Our opponents and critics will be united in attacking our attempt to reestablish law and order and decency. But we too must be united.

"Our poarty alone challenges the indiscipline in our schools which has led to disorder in our streets. We alone robustly proclaim the overriding need to defend life and property. *Whatever the threat and whatever* the consequences.

"Our mission is to defend the rule of law and the values of freedom wherever they are in peril."

The motion was carried by a large majority.

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Keynote Kops

Rate system 'must be changed'

No alternative had emerged as a better system than rates, which remained the least unsatisfactory local tax, **Mr Patrick Jenkin**, Secretary of State for the Environment, said in defending the selective scheme of rate limitation, backed up by reserve powers for general rate capping, which he had announced in August.

The search for a workable alternative to rates had drawn a blank. The Secretary of State said half the overspend this year by local authorities was accounted for by the GLC and the six metropolitan counties. They were to be abolished, for they were a wholly unnecessary tier of government.

A motion later carried overwhelmingly, urging the Government to introduce legislation to change the existing rating system and make it more fair and equitable to those who paid rates, was moved by **Mr John Shaffner**, Chertsey and Walton.

He said radical realignment of the system was required, rather than abolition. The 1979 manifesto promised that the Conservatives would ease the rates burden. In most areas rates went on rising. The White Paper on rate capping was a start, but it was not enough.

Mr Steve Smith, Spelthorne Young Conservatives, said the party should not mess about fiddling with the current system. It was beyond hope and should be replaced.

Mr Stuart Dawson, Sheffield Hallam, said defiance of government directives was looked upon as a virility symbol by Socialist-dominated local councils.

Mr Michael Davis, Chester, senior manager in a large company, said the Government's proposal to cap the rates was being attacked by the local government lobby on the ground that it reduced local democratic accountability, but on the accountability test the rating system failed dismally. He was not asking for a business vote but for protection for business ratepayers.

Miss Mary Lee, Wallsend, did not think the system, which was *tried and tested, needed reforming*. But abuses must be stopped and the Government's answer, rate capping, would help.

Mr Lewis Moss, Association of County Councils, said they urged the Government not to proceed with its rate capping legislation, but to work to make it more fair and *equitable*.

Mr Jenkin, replying to the debate, said the debate had been an admirable redefinition of the problem, by illustrating that agreement on any radical change was as far away as ever.

Only a few hard-line Labour councils were responsible for the *really serious overspending*. Soaring rates cost jobs.

No alternative to rates examined by the select committee of MPs had emerged as a better system. In each the problems outweighed the advantages.

Abolition of the worst overspenders was not by itself enough. The *manifesto* committed them to take powers to cap the rates, and he had announced a selective scheme of rate limitation backed up by reserve powers for general rate capping.

Those who thought it unnecessary should ask the ratepayers in Sheffield, Manchester, Lambeth or Islington. The ratepayers were being *oppressed and Parliament had a* duty to protect people from the oppressor.

Companies paid almost half the rates but did not have votes. The Government would make it a legal duty for councils to consult businesses before striking a rate.

New party chairman pays warm tribute to his 'outstanding' predecessor

The only difference between Mr Michael Foot, Labour's former leader, and Mr Neil Kinnock, its new leader, was 30 years, Mr John Selwyn Gummer said in his first speech to the conference as chairman of the Conservative Party.

He received the first standing ovation at Blackpool for a speech in which he said the people of Britain did not believe the Old Pretenders of the Labour Party, and the Conservatives must not let the people be conned by the young ones. Long might it be a dream ticket, for the reality might be a nightmare for Britain.

In looking back to the election victory in June, Mr Gummer paid many tributes but the most tumultuous reception came from the representatives when he acknowledged the debt of gratitude the Conservative Party owed to the man who had planned and conducted the campaign, Mr Cecil Parkinson.

Mr Gummer, who is under-secretary of State for employment and MP for Suffolk, Coastal, said the party's hundredth conference was under way and they had a lot to do. The Conservative Government was going on with the job it started in 1979 and which the nation had called on it to continue.

He paid tribute to the party's hard working supporters in every constituency, the professionals of the party – the agents – and all at central office, and after the applause which greeted his reference to Mr Parkinson, Mr Gummer commented: "This is a great party to belong to and I am very fortunate in the success Cecil left me. This party is very fortunate to have so outstanding a Secretary of State".

He said the Conservative Party must prepare for the future, having laid a great foundation. At the last election they had been seen to be the party which represented all the people. They must turn those voters into members: they must get out and bring them in.

They had to do this now because next year, as well as the local government elections, there would be the elections to the European Parliament. Conservatives were committed to Britain and to a Britain in the European Community. In the European elections, they must see that it was a Conservative Britain in a Conservative Community.

They would face some competition. The Labour Party had decided to join in, not very enthusiastically, not entirely definitely but probably, perhaps and on occasion. There was a vagueness which suited Labour at the moment.

"When you are split down the middle", he said, "unity can only be preserved by total ambiguity. Ambiguity – that is the nature of the so-called dream ticket. Long, long may it be a Labour dream. The reality would be a nightmare for Britain. Happily it is like all dreams, it disappears in the light of day".

Mr Gummer went on: "'Twas ever thus. Foot and Healey: Kinnock and Hattersley. The only difference between Foot and Kinnock is 30 years. I bet Mr Kinnock wishes he had had a stick when he went walking by the water (laughter) people did not believe the Old Pretenders: must not let them be conned by the young ones"

This week there were many who would try to push the party off course, people not on its side and who had other fish to fry. "I give them warning," he said. "This conference will not be diverted: this Government will not be diverted.



The Prime Minister joining in the applause for Mr Selwyn Gummer's first speech as party chairman (Photographs: Brian Harris)

Big energy-saving campaign announced

Mr *Peter Walker*, Secretary of State for Energy, outlined how he proposed to examine the way nationalized energy industries were *run, to see if there was a better* system for the future than that of nationalization.

He wanted to see if there was a way in which some of the major industries could be freed from the perpetual interference by the politician, and in which the men with skill could be encouraged to run the industries efficiently.

Speaking in a debate on energy policy, Mr Walker announced that at the end of the month he would launch the biggest campaign yet to stop the enormous waste of energy.

If it were successful it could save £100m a year on the rates, by local government becoming energy-efficient. The country could save more than £1,000m on industrial costs and substantially reduce domestic energy bills.

He said the Conservatives could claim to have done more for the coal industry than any post-war government. Since 1979 the Government had invested more than £2m a day in the industry. Mr Scargill accusing it of being in favour of destroying the industry was like believing that the Russians were on a peace mission in Afghanistan.

He wanted to see a successful, efficient and competent mining industry capable of giving the miners the rewards they richly deserved.

Mr Edward Ellis, Folkestone and Hythe, moved a motion, later carried, urging the Government to take steps to ensure that British industry was not placed at a disadvantage as to energy costs compared with its foreign competitors.

He said that for a large consumer in France electricity might be 20 per cent cheaper, and in Italy 43 per cent. In an industry, where electricity prices were 20 per cent of the total cost of production, the British competitor started with a 10 per cent handicap as against his Italian rival.

France had the benefit of cheaper nuclear power and hydro electricity. Britain relied heavily on expensive coal-based production. Italy cheated with heavy subsidies.

But another factor which should not be underestimated was pricing policy. On ther Continent huge discounts were given to the larger consumer. There remained the abiding irony Britain with all its massive energy resources, was still very expensive.

The Government should ensure that in future energy prices were not a handicap.

'We will lighten tax burden'

A lower burden of taxes, leading to a *simpler tax system*, depended on the government's creating a climate of stability and confidence, Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said when replying to the opening debate on taxation.

Public spending must be kept to a minimum to give the Chancellor room to meet the necessary tax objectives. The first task must be to lighten further the tax burden, which he admitted was too high.

Mr Malcolm Harbour, of Solihull, had opened the debate, saying that a five-year programme of streamlining the tax system should be a high priority, along with tax reductions.

Mr Harbour moved a resolution urging the Government to "simplify personal and business taxation in order to discourage tax avoidance and encourage all to earn, save and invest, as our country's prosperity depends on the efforts of our working population".

Taxation was one of the major issues facing the Government, he said. The taxation system was far too complex and was understood by very few specialists, let alone the average taxpayer or politician. Tax levels were still too high.

To achieve simpler and lower taxation they must support the Government to control public expenditure. The simplest, cheapest and quickest method of simplification was abolition: there were far too many forms of tax. Mr Harbour would like to see Mr Rees carry forward from the conference the aim of abolishing at least one tax a year from now on. Why not dispose of capital transfer tax over the life of the Government?

The motion was opposed by Mr Andrew Oxley, of the European constituency of Cleveland, who said it merely consisted of truisms and pious hopes

He said that those who found tax loopholes were not anti-social outcasts, but the Government must *lock the loopholes*, however difficult. There was no simplicity in this field.

Mr Rees, drew prolonged applause when he began by paying tribute to Mr Cecil Parkinson's "brilliant organization" during the election.

It was now crucial that the party should begin to build for the future

The motion was right to stress the need for simplicity, the need to discourage tax avoidance and the need to encourage all to save, earn and invest.

Much had already been done by the Conservative government with the help of Sir Geoffrey Howe, who had reversed the inflationary tide *and set them off on the path of tax* reform. "Under Nigel Lawson's vigorous leadership, we shall take on where Geoffrey Howe left off," he said.

"I have to admit freely that our tax burden is still too high (applause). But it will remain high unless we recognize the demands *that we make on government* and unless we take a conscious decision to contain those demands", Mr Rees said.

The first task must be to lighten still further the tax burden to ensure that it was not less hospitable to capital, enterprise and to thrift than neighbours and competitors. The Government attached a very high priority to raising the starting point for income tax to take more people out of tax altogether.

But the cost would be large. £750m for every £100 that the starting point was raised, he said.

A further reduction in income tax rates must yield precedence to that. Abolition must come only after a reduction in the rates of income tax.

The Government was looking at ways to reduce the cost of administering the tax system and reducing compliance costs for the ordinary taxpayer.

The PAYE system was to be computerized and the Inland Revenue was testing a scheme of self-assessment for corporation tax.

That could lead on to a simple form of self-assessment for schedule D taxpayers, but it would be self-defeating to rush any step until the Inland Revenue and taxpayers were ready.

It was necessary to simplify and *reform the many archaic enforce*ment measures on which the last Labour government had superimposed a mass of legislation.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Today's debates

A motion calling for lower taxation and further control of public spending will be debated this afternoon when Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, will be speaking. This morning there will be debates *on employment, proportional rep*resentation, and defence. This afternoon there will also be a question and answer session on education and a debate on electoral law.

'Paid agitators attacking London police'

From Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Anti-police agitators are spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on a sustained and vociferous campaign against the Metropolitan Police, Mr Alan Eastwood, vice-chairman of the Police Federation told a Tory fringe meeting in Blackpool yesterday.

Mr Eastwood said: "Since Scarman the ranks of the well-paid agitators with their snouts in the public trough have not just grown, they have multiplied."

Speaking to a meeting organized by the hard-right Monday Club, Mr Eastwood singled out for particular criticism Mr Paul Boateng, chairman of the Greater London Police committee, who had lavished grants on such organizations as the Gay London Police Monitoring Group, the Black People's Action Committee and the Hackney Police Accountability Collective.

Mr Eastwood added: "A small *army of full-time staff swallows* up most of the money, the jobs going to people who only have to demonstrate a 'positive commitment', which must mean a lengthy association with pressure groups; and I suppose it helps to have had a few convictions for obstruction as campaign medals."

These groups, he said "will actually compete with the official liaison committees to capture the hearts and minds of impressionable youngsters in the inner city.

Housing policy debate

Government wants to extend people's right to buy

The Government is considering how to overturn a House of Lords decision in the last session of parliament not to extend the right to buy to tenants of charities and charitable associations Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, said when winding up a debate on housing policy.

Apart from defence, Mr Gow said no issue was of more lasting consequence for the people than housing.

The conference carried overwhelmingly a motion welcoming the success of council house sales legislation and noting that home ownership was an aspiration of most families in Britain, to be encouraged by all means available to the government and local councils.

The motion recognized the need for an adequate stock of specialist rented accommodation, especially for the disabled and the elderly, and called on councils to ensure that such houses were available in their areas.

***Mr David Snow, Basingstoke,* moving the motion, said that in the last parliament the vision of a property-owning democracy became reality for half a million people. The urban landscape had changed dramatically for the better and showed greater individuality than ever.**

***Mr Brian Salinger, Hornsey and* Wood Green, said that the right to buy should be extended to tenants of public authorities like water authorities where the housing was not needed for their own use. The number of empty publicly-owned houses was a national scandal.**



Mr Ian Gow: "Transferring assets to the people"

Mr Tony Hall, vice-chairman of the Young Conservatives, said that they should not relegate council housing to those who could not afford to buy and divide the nation into two classes.

Mr Gow said that home ownership was the preferred choice of an overwhelming majority of people. The Conservative Party was proud to have extended home ownership.

Since the Conservatives came to power more than 600,000 homes had been sold by councils, new towns and housing associations – and another 140,000 sales were in the pipeline. That achievement owed a great deal to the leadership and inspiration of the Prime Minister.

Mr Gow said that it used to be thought that a successful housing policy was building more council houses for letting in perpetuity. But housing was not an area where the prejudices of politicians, councillors or housing directors should prevail over the wishes and preferences of the people. "We are engaged in an exercise of genuine public ownership, a transfer of assets from the state to the people themselves"

The new Housing Bill before *Parliament* would help the less affluent tenant by giving the right to buy on a shared ownership basis, part purchase and part rental.

The Bill also gave tenants the right to organize repairs and be reimbursed by the local authority.

Although some Labour-controlled *councils had* delayed council house sales, some Conservative-controlled councils had not been effective or enthusiastic about implementing the right to buy. Every council was under a duty to ensure that right could be *exercised freely, speedily and efficiently*, Mr Gow said.

"Anyone who believes that that right is being denied or delayed should write to me, Ian Gow, 2 Masham Street, London, SW1".

Local authorities had a particular responsibility for the elderly and disabled, he said.

Although it was for them to decide their priorities, he believed that they should concentrate more resources on provision for those groups.

New starts of accommodation for the elderly were up by 25 per cent on last year for disabled starts were *50 per cent* up.

The labour-intensive construction industry would play a key role in leading Britain out of recession. Housing starts and completions for the first eight months of the year were substantially up on last year.

A review of legislation covering the private rented sector was underway because laws designed to protect the tenant had dried up the supply of accommodation.

Mr Gow said that, The Prime Minister had set the party the goal of *making Britain the best-housed nation* in Europe. In the present parliament, they would take giant strides towards that goal. The motion was carried overwhelmingly.

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Killers' escapes upset moves towards open prison policy

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Government moves to put into open prisons more inmates serving long sentences, including life, received a setback yesterday as three murderers escaped from Leyhill Open Prison, near Bristol.

Although they were recaptured within hours, the escapes came as plans for holding long-term prisoners were being reviewed along with a rash of escapes from escorts which are described as serious by the Prison Department.

Prison Service News, published by the department, said yesterday: "Where appropriate, local authority agreements which governed the type of inmate who could be sent to a particular open establishment are being renegotiated."

Lord Elton, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, has told local MPs about moves to lift curbs on three open prisons, Ashwell in Leicestershire, Ford in West Sussex; and Kirkham, Lancashire. For prisoners coming to the end of long sentences, including lifers, a period in open conditions was an essential prelude to their eventual release, he said. The three who absconded from Leyhill were serving life.

The Prison Department's recent annual report showed that 131 lifers were being held in open prisons. Last year there was a sharp rise in the number of prisoners absconding from open jails

While escapes from all establishments rose from 461 the previous year to 555 in 1982, those from open prisons increased from 380 to 438.

Mr William Brister, deputy director-general of the Prison Service, is quoted in *Prison Service News* as saying there has been an alarming increase nationally in the number of escapes by prisoners under escort. In the first four months of the year, 30 prisoners escaped in 25 separate incidents. Although 18 were recaptured within 24 hours "this does not detract from the seriousness of these breaches of security", he says.

● The lifers who escaped from Leyhill yesterday were recaptured when a prison officer on his way from work saw three men in prison uniform crossing a field near the A38 near Newport Towers, north of Bristol.

A police hunt was launched and within a short time two of the prisoners were caught. The third gave himself up after a team from Avon and Somerset Police Force and Gloucestershire Police had been searching for a further hour.

Police named him as Malcolm Green, aged 36, from Cardiff. He surrendered to a police dog handler, Police Constable Michael Whiting as he searched a country lane near the Michaelwood service area on the M5 motorway, about four miles from Leyhill.

The others, David Phillips, aged 32, and Anthony Hewitson, aged 29, and Green, are likely to be moved to secure prisons.



UK mends fences in Malaysia

Singapore (Reuter) – Lord Jellicoe, chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, said here before flying home last night that Malaysia had dropped its "Buy British Last" policy, but there was still room for improvement in relations between the two countries.

He was speaking to the British Business Association, before leaving for home after leading a trade delegation to Malaysia.

"I can say the 'Buy British Last' policy appears to have become a thing of history. But I can't say Malaysian-British relations are entirely out of the woods".

The 10-member Jellicoe mission was the first big British trade delegation to visit Malaysia for more than a year, after Malaysia imposed a restrictive trade policy against British goods.

Malaysia eased its restrictions after the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, met Mrs Margaret Thatcher in London in March.

● KUALA LUMPUR: British investors and traders have been redoubling efforts to regain lost goodwill (M. G. G. Pillai writes). But they are finding it hard going, as Lord Jellicoe's delegation discovered during its week-long visit to Malaysia.

In a series of meetings with interested Malaysians, Lord Jellicoe spoke like a born-again convert, asking his listeners to give Britain a second chance to help Malaysia. Curiously, the official radio and television network gave him more coverage than a visit of this nature would normally have received while the newspapers barely reported it.

However, talks with the Prime Minister and other ministers went off happily. Lord Jellicoe knows well both Dr Mahathir and Datuk Musa Hitam, the deputy Prime Minister.

Wives in mourning: The widows of three South Korean Cabinet ministers killed in Sunday's terrorist explosion in Rangoon waiting at Kimpo airport, Seoul, for the arrival of a special flight carrying the bodies of the 16 South Koreans who died in the blast.

As the toll in Rangoon rose to 20, including a Burmese photographer who died in hospital yesterday, the 16 bodies were brought home in flag-draped caskets. More than a million mourners are expected to attend a state funeral.

Burmese police have arrested a non-Burmese Asian

Liberals in turmoil as White turns on Gray

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne

The decision by Mr Robin Gray, the Liberal Premier of Tasmania, to campaign for Mr Joh Bjelke-Peterson, the National Party Premier of Queensland, has caused a storm in the Liberal Party.

Mr David Rowell, president of the Liberals Tasmanian branch, said he had been placed in an embarrassing position after advising Mr Gray not to visit Queensland. He said that the political dangers of such a visit would have to be faced by Mr Gray, alone.

Mr Rowell said that Tasmanian Liberals would be disappointed by Mr Gray's decision. "I have given my commitment to the Queensland Liberal Party, through their president, Dr Herron, and Mr White, that we will offer them any help."

Mr Gray's decision is particularly unfortunate because the state election, to be held on October 22, was precipitated by a split in the National-Liberal Party coalition government caused by Mr Bjelke-Peterson's refusal to allow Mr Terry White, the new Liberal Party leader, to serve in the Queensland Government.

Yesterday Mr White said that Mr Gray was the "bad apple at the bottom of the political barrel." He said Mr Gray was not welcome in Queensland and that he would refuse to meet him.

Aborigines threaten police with death song

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

Aborigines in the West Australian town of Roebourne say they will use traditional methods to punish a local policeman who, they say, was responsible for the death of an Aboriginal youth in police custody more than a week ago. They say they will "sing" him to death.

The ceremony, equivalent to a execution is carried out only rarely. Anthropoligists have documented many Aboriginal deaths after such ceremonies.

Mr Mick Lee, the stepfather of the boy, said that the local Aborigines would probably go ahead with the singing ceremony if no one was punished by white man's law.

"That is what the people are talking about, they are very angry", he said. "When someone is killed, someone must die. This is our law, Aboriginal law. When someone is sung to death by Aboriginal lawmen, he dies in two days. Black or white, all the same."

Mr Lee is one of the senior Aboriginal lawmen in Roebourne, 900 miles north-east of Perth. He is responsible for initiating young men into Aboriginal spiritual life.

The dead youth, John Pat, aged 17, had begun the long process of education in Aboriginal law last year, Mr Lee said. "I took him into the law myself."

Streamlining the cities: 3

Managing London after the GLC

The Greater London Council has two faces. One, that of Mr Kenneth Livingstone and the politicians, will disappear in April 1985. But what will become of the other, benign face of the GLC: the blue plaques, Waterloo Bridge, Golders Hill Park, the Festival Hall? In the third of a series on the consequences of abolition David Walker, *Local Government Correspondent, looks at the many "special arrangements" that the Government will have to make for the capital.*

This year the Greater London Council is spending £56 more than the Government says it should on each of its 6.7 million inhabitants; its budget is 50 per cent is excess of the target level. Those figures give some idea of the dimensions of the exercise in cutting public spending that has just begun. It may be called reorganization but in effect it is a process (the Government hopes) for taking nearly £300m out of the GLC's hands.

Similarly, huge savings are expected from the Inner London Education Authority, which is to be reconstituted in 1986 as a joint committee of councillors. It will inevitably be Labour-controlled; but the Government will be in charge of its budget and will be looking for savings of £143 per head from the inner area's 2.3 million people, which translates into a budget cut of £100m at present prices.

The gamble inherent in the Government's policy is that closing County Hall and forcing Mr Livingstone to find another living will save upwards of £400m a year. What the White Paper published last week leaves unclear is how much the boroughs will have to spend to continue providing the many GLC services the public is likely to want retained.

Victoria Park in east London will pass on reorganization to either Hackney or Tower Hamlets or some joint committee of both. How will they pay for its bird enclosure, flower beds and keepers? Both boroughs, "high spending" and Labour-controlled, are candidates for the other arm of the Government's policy pincer: rate-capping. With rates capped they are likely to have higher priorities for their spending than water fowl.

Perhaps the most dramatic financial changes are faced by ILEA. At a press conference last week Mrs Frances Morrell, its pugnacious leader, said it had been under attack for five years but an alliance of parents and teachers had fended off opponents. Such confidence is unlikely to hold

Mrs Morrell says that ILEA's very favourable pupil-teacher ratio, its high-costs for non-teaching staff, its subsidies for school meals, are all justified by the social needs of the inhabitants of Hackney, Southwark and other poorer areas.

Critics of the authority acknowledge the poverty and disadvantages of inner London but question whether this justifies, for example, spending £300 per secondary pupil per year more than Newham, which is also poor, or spending £100 per head of population more per year than Manchester.

The civil servants who will take over ILEA's budget from 1985 will have the task of chipping away the residue of many years of County Hall's generosity. Mrs Morrell and her educational allies are unlikely to be dispossessed without at least a noisy struggle.

Tomorrow: The Birmingham solution



Mrs Morrell: Pugnacious leader.

BBC buys four studios at Elstree for £7m

By Kenneth Gosling

The BBC has bought four television studios at Elstree for between £7m and £7.5m. The deal, described as "a good long-term investment", also gives the BBC 65,000sq ft of office space and will enable it to move staff from a number of London locations.

At present prices each of the four studios would cost about £4m; one of the first projects to take place at Elstree will be a new twice-weekly drama series for BBC1.

The Elstree site is larger than that at the Television Centre at Shepherds Bush in London, and will enable the corporation to move from high-priced short-lease premises in central London. There are eight studios at the Television Centre and the new accommodation will provide much needed rehearsal and training facilities.

The deal is with Bentray Investments Ltd, the property company belonging to Associated Communications Corporation.

Calvi inquiries to continue, City police say

By John Witherow

Inquiries into the death of Signor Roberto Calvi, the Italian banker, will continue, a senior police officer has said after returning from Italy where he questioned a close business associate of the man known as "God's banker".

Chief Supt Barry Tarbun, of the City police, said that he and two colleagues had spent a total of 24 hours questioning Signor Flavio Carboni about the death of Signor Calvi, who was found hanging from scaffolding under Blackfriars Bridge last year.

Signor Carboni, aged 51, a flamboyant Sardinian business associate of Signor Calvi who was with him in London when he died, was "very frank and never declined to answer anything", Mr Tarbun said.

Mr Tarbun said they had no new lead but the interviews had cleared up certain doubts. He added that a conclusion that Signor Calvi committed suicide was still "very much a possibility".

Shamir's crisis package may not be enough to stabilize the shekel

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Government sources disclosed yesterday that the 23 per cent devaluation in the Israeli shekel was 7 per cent smaller than that recommended to the Cabinet by the Treasury, thus leaving open the possibility that future attempts to stabilize the ailing currency will be necessary.

The all-night emergency Cabinet session – the first to be chaired by Mr Yitzhak Shamir as Prime Minister – also saw the first angry exchanges between coalition colleagues, which were interpreted as a foretaste of the internal difficulties which will threaten the shaky coalition in the coming months.

At one stage, Mr Yitzhak Modali, a leading member of the Liberal Party (the second largest coalition grouping) accused Mr Yoram Aridor, the unpopular Finance Minister, of bringing Israel's economy to "the brink of ruin" and hitting "the small man" in his efforts to launch a rescue.

The dire state of the economy, including spiralling foreign debt and a balance of payments crisis has caused mounting pressure on Mr Aridor to resign. But it is understood that this will be resisted until he is offered what associates call "an honourable exit" to another portfolio by Mr Shamir, possibly the Foreign Ministry. The new Prime Minister is reluctant to open the Pandora's box that would be the result of any switch of posts at present.

The Government's new austerity measures prompted an immediate attack from the main opposition Labour Party, which will decide later this week whether to mount the first test of the Shamir Government's strength by introducing a no-confidence motion on its handling of the economy.

Mr Gad Ya'acobi, Labour's chief economic spokesman, said that the new package was "an admission of failure" by Mr Aridor for his policy over the past two years. Labour has itself been in favour of a sharp devaluation, but it also supports a rapid withdrawal from Lebanon and a freeze on settlements on the occupied West Bank.

The new measures will usher in three successive rounds of price increases, the first which began at midnight with a 50 per cent cut in the heavy subsidies on such basic commodities as bread, dairy products, cooking oil and flour.

The next stage will involve a rise in electricity, water and public transport prices resulting directly from the 23 per cent increase in the price of fuel also introduced yesterday. Then will come a jump in the price of all imported items by at least the 23 percent devaluation figure.

According to experts, the net effect will be a jump in the rate of inflation from 130 per cent to at least 160 per cent by the end of the year before the reversal which Treasury officials hope their measures will begin.

Most Israeli economic experts were agreed that Mr Shamir's package – introduced with impressive swiftness and determination – could only succeed if accompanied by sweeping cuts in government spending and a successful campaign to water down the system of automatic wage rises in line with inflation.

A scheme designed to minimize the financial disaster for tens of thousands of Israelis following last week's collapse in the market for bank shares has yet to be agreed by all the banks or by the Knesset Finance Committee. As a result, the Tel Aviv Stock exchange will remain shut today.



Tibetan fury: Indian police clashing with Tibetan exiles outside the Chinese Embassy in Delhi yesterday during a demonstration against the execution of Tibetan dissidents by the Chinese authorities in Lhasa. The demonstrators shouted anti-Chinese slogans and hurled stones at the embassy compound

Salvador church rejoins the battle

From Christopher Thomas
San Salvador

It is 8am in San Salvador Cathedral. Where there should be great windows, there is tin, where the ornate doors should hang, there are feeble barriers. Pigeons are scurrying in the high roofs, three young men in jeans pluck at guitars, blind beggars are about.

It is time for Mass.

The soldiers are at the doorway. There is a palpable sense of excitement from 500 worshippers sitting and standing in the hollow, half-built building. Mgr Rosa Vasquez, the auxiliary Archbishop of San Salvador, is in green robes and about to deliver another remarkable courageous homily.

They kill priests in El Salvador. Mgr Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, was murdered in 1980, 10 priests have been assassinated, 25 have fled abroad, 380 remain to deliver the message.

The Church stopped spending on the cathedral in 1979 – it was being rebuilt after a fire – on the orders of Archbishop Romero. The money was given to the poor. An assassin's bullet ended his life on March 24 the next year because he was so critical of the brutality of the ultra-right.

It sent a convulsion through the Catholic Church. The strident condemnations subsided for a while and crept back slowly – with confidence, but without assertion.

Since Pope John Paul's visit in March, that has changed. The Church has rediscovered itself.

Mgr Vasquez speaks into a microphone, his words echoing off the cold concrete walls. "The leprosy of sin continues to devastate our country. The violence of the past week makes any person with Christian feelings shiver. Lord, free Salvador of kidnappings, of threats of terrorism by the right and left."

The people applaud.

"Brethren, the most abominable act of the week was the assassination of four persons (by the rightist) Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez Brigade. We are arriving at the limits of barbarism.

"If this orgy of blood is not stopped, the slightest suspicion will be enough to condemn to death any Salvadorean without defence, without knowing his executioner."

More applause.

The ultra-right death squads are back again, shadowy groups from private enterprise, sections of the armed forces and rightist political elements.

The Church condemns them unceasingly. Mgr Ricardo Urioste, Vicar-General of the Arch-Diocese of San Salvador, said that most assassinations are carried out by paramilitary groups and others to the right. He had heard that 80 per cent of people murdered in the past three years were victims of the right.

"President Reagan says the human rights situation is improving," he said. "He is wrong, certainly. But I understand he has a political vision of the situation. It is not a humanist vision, not an ethical view.

"It would be easy for the Church in Salvador to choose an easy life, to say that only the (Leftist) guerrillas are the bad guys. People would then be happy with us.

"I wonder if God would be happy."

EEC's crucial meeting in Athens

Howe crusade begins to take effect

From Ian Murray, Athens

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, ended two days of patient lecturing of his EEC colleagues in Athens yesterday, confident that they were beginning to repent of what Britain believes to be their profligate spending ways.

He thought that his four-and-a-half year crusade in the Community to cut agricultural spending and to find a fairer way of assessing Britain's EEC budget contribution, could be edging towards an end.

This second of the three-day special council had concentrated on money. First there was discussion of Britain's ideas for strict financial guidlines on farm spending, which was made more urgent by the news that the Commission was having to freeze payment of £240m this year for want of ready money.

There was discussion, too, of the British idea for a "safety net", which would be set up to catch Britain if it was required to pay more than its fair share of the Community budget.

On both these things, Sir Geoffrey said afterwards, there was "a more constructive approach" than there had been at the beginning of the meeting.

"We haven't reached the point where the whole Community is clambering up our safety net to salvation", he said. But he believed the fact that ministers were now prepared to discuss the problems meant there had been significant progress.

He remained as firm as ever on Britain's refusal to accept a "marriage" of ideas, suggested so far by the Commission and by Denmark, for solving the British budget problem. These were both inadequate, he said, and he did not see how putting two inadequacies together could ever make an adequate solution.

The meeting decided to put the many different ideas on the table back to specialist groups for study before the next special council in November.

The British delegation felt that the cash crisis facing the Community would help to concentrate everyone's mind on the scale of the problem.

The tough British stand was causing irritation in other delegations. One diplomat said that Sir Geoffrey was suffering from illusions of his own if he thought anyone would take Britain's full demands seriously.

● STRASBOURG: A move to hold part of Britain's 1983 budget rebate hostage against a long-term reform of the EEC's finances was launched in the European Parliament yesterday (Patricia Clough writes).

The Parliament's budget committee proposed to move £171.6m from the second 1982 supplementary budget into a reserve fund from which it would only be released if the EEC summit produces a "clear concept" on future EEC financing in Athens on December 5 and 6.

The committee also proposed to allot an extra £330m for agricultural spending, which has been rising so fast that the Community faces the imminent prospect of running out of cash.

Stony broke, so sheep farmers must go short

From Our Special Correspondent, Athens

After years of crying wolf the European Commission has run out of ready money. In the words of Mr Gaston Thorn, the beleagured president of the European commission: "we're stony broke."

Mr Michael Jopling, the British Agriculture Minister, was far from surprised at the news when he left Athens yesterday after a day and a half spent trying to persuade his EEC opposite numbers that it really was time to put the lid on agricultural spending.

He said wryly as he left the meeting that all the discussion had been irrelevant. The fact that the Commission had been forced to freeze payment of 400 million European currency units (about £240m) of advance premiums showed that it was time to stop talking and to do something.

It is probably not coincidental that the news leaked out as farm, finance and foreign ministers were continuing their slow-moving argument on Community reforms. However unpleasant the news is for the British shepherds – who will be among the first to feel the effects of the freeze – the timing of the dicision has brought home graphically the urgency of the situation to ministers who are prone to dawdle over their decision-making.

Britain was something of a voice in the wilderness when it began calling for reform in the late seventies. But although the two ends of the Community budget have been meeting only with extreme difficulty for some time there has been no obvious consensus emerging on the urgency of the situation.

Even within the Commission, the experts have lived so long with the threat of bankruptcy that they have grown almost blasé about it. They have been predicting for some time: "The Community will run out of money on November 20 – we don't know which year: but that is the date it will happen."

In fact they have been a month out in their calculations because this year farm spending has soared even faster than the most gloomy of the Commission's many pessimists had estimated. But they were still right aout it happening on the 20th of the month, because of the way money flows in and out of the Community budget.

The EEC derives most of its spending money from their main souces: Agricultural levies (10 per cent) customs duties (35 per cent) and a proportion of VAT revenue (50 per cent).

The value-added tax is calculated on a common basket of goods and services. Member states can be called on to pay over to the Community up to 1 per cent of the revenue from this basket at a level weighted to take into account the different VAT rates in different countries. This is the growth area of Community financing. In 1975 it provided only 35 per cent of the total ammount; last year it rose to 92 per cent

The commission cannot obtain more than 1 per cent and it will require an agreement ratified by the parliaments of all member states for the ceiling to be raised. Britain and West Germany are alone in refusing to agree to raise the ceiling and this refusal is Britain's one really effective negotiating counter

Mr Jopling in Athens yesterday: Far from surprised

Poles angry at Norway over Nobel

Warsaw – The Polish Government has protested verbally to Norway about the decision to grant Mr Lech Walesa the Nobel Peace Prize, but Oslo has discreetly warned of "serious consequences" if the former Solidarity chief is prevented from collecting the award (Roger Boyes writes).

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, said yesterday that it was up to the militia headquarters in Gdansk whether Mr Walesa would be allowed to leave the country.

Odessa polluted after mishap

Moscow (Reuter) – An accident at a US-built chemicals plant near the Black Sea port of Odessa caused serious pollution last month, official sources in Moscow said.

Water supplies to most of the city had to be cut off for several days after ammonia and other chemicals were discharged into the Dniestr river and severely contaminated reservoirs. But fresh water was shipped in by tanker, they added.

Bette Davis ill

Bette Davis, the film actress, suffered a mastectomy and a stroke in June but is recovering, Mr Aaron Spelling the producer, announced in Beverly Hills, California. Miss Davis, who is 75, had kept the illness secret until now.

Hiss loses

Washington (AP) – Alger Hiss, whose prosecution 33 years ago became a cold war symbol of US preoccupation with communist infiltration, failed in a Supreme Court attempt to clear his name. The justices refused, without comment, to review his 1950 perjury conviction for telling a grand jury he was not a spy for the Soviet Union.

Runaways safe

Badajoz, Spain (APP) – A West German girl, aged 12, who ran away with her brother, aged 4, four months ago has been found with him at Merida in south-western Spain. The girl, who is big for her age, used her mother's passport and posed as the boy's mother.

Jumblatt jeopardizes Beirut unity talks

Beirut (Reuter) – Efforts to convene a Lebanese national reconciliation conference were in disarray yesterday after the Beirut newspapers published a statement by the party of Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, which rejected a government proposal to meet at the presidential palace outside Beirut.

The Progressive Socialist Party also called for a delay in the arrival of Greek and Italian observers who are expected here to monitor a shaky ceasefire.

Mr Rafik Hariri, a Lebanese businessman with Saudi Arabian ties, returned to Beirut yesterday to resume his efforts to reconcile the warring factions which have been haggling over a conference site for the past two weeks. Opposition sources said that a preliminary meeting due to convene today to prepare for the conference was in doubt because of the uncertainty over the site.

The sources said that the preliminary meeting could still convene within the next two days if a suitable site was found.

Mr Jumblatt sees the conference as a forum to press his demands for a greater say for Lebanon's 250,000 Druze in running the country.

Beirut radio reported new outbreaks of shelling between Christian and Druze-held villages in the troubled Kharroub region, 25 miles south of Beirut. Efforts to send paramilitary police to disengage the two sides have foundered on Druze demands that the Christian "Lebanese forces" militia should first evacuate its remaining barracks from the coastal strip.

The ceasefire has beeen subject to mounting, but so far limited, violations.

● STOCKHOLM: Mr Jumblatt held talks in Stockholm yesterday with Mr Olof Palme, the Swedish prime minister, in which he requested humanitarian aid and asked for Swedish help for his cause at the Socialist International. (Christopher Mosey writes).

● DAMASCUS: Men loyal to Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, remained in control of several offices of his Fatah group in Damascus yesterday after losing two buildings to rebels in a gunbattle on Monday night. (Reuter reports).

Who's Who in Lebanon conflict

Government: Led by President Amin Gemayel. Maronite Christian. Other groups represented, but accused of Christian domination.
Army: Tenuous control in Beirut and fragments of Chouf Mountain. Muslim majority in ranks, Christian majority in officer corps. Sides increasingly with Christian Phalange.
Multinational Force: 5,400 troops from US, France, Italy and Britain, backed by offshore fleet. Bolsters the Government's authority.
Maronites: Most powerful community, Western-leaning, with 25 per cent of population. Provides both the President and the Commander of the army. Fighting force is Phalange of Kata'ib, including some Orthodox Christians 8 per cent of population.
Shia: Muslim sect with 30 per cent of population. Its "Amal" (hope) militia allied with Druze. Leading figure Nabih Berri, Beirut Amal chief.
Druze: Sect of roughly 7 per cent population, split from main Islamic streams in 11th century. Aided by Syria, Libya and PLO. Led by Walid Jumblatt and Progressive Socialist Paty Militia. Mountain strongholds.
Palestine Liberation Organization: Forces in Lebanon split between loyalists of chairman Yassir Arafat, confined to northern Tripoli area, and Syrian-aided dissidents under Colonel Abu Moussa and Mr Abu Saleh.
ISRAEL: Occupies south Lebanon on vague Awali River line and into central Bekaa Valley.
Syria: Occupies north and east Lebanon. Armed by Russia. Seeks to destabilize Gemayel Government.

Zia 'playing for time' in talks with politicians

Islamabad (Reuter) – A leading Pakistani politician reported no progress yesterday in the first talks between President Zia ul-Haq and civilian leaders since political parties were banned four years ago.

Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani, who met General Zia for three and a half hours, said he thought the President was buying time by opening a dialogue with political parties during an opposition campaign for immediate elections.

He said the general told him he wanted to meet the heads of several other parties in the coming weeks and then announce his plans.

A government statement on the talks said they were cordial

Reagan prepares ground for Peking visit

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan, who is proposing to visit Peking in April, met Mr Wu Xuequian, the Chinese Foreign Minister, yesterday to discuss East-West relations, arms control, the conflicts in Cambodia and Afghanistan and further improvement of US-Chinese relations.

Mr Wu's five-day visit symbolizes a new warmth in these relations which until this spring were marked by recriminations resulting mainly from Peking's objections to US arms sales to Taiwan, which Peking regards as its renegade province.

Both Peking and Washington have evidently decided not to allow their differences over Taiwan to interfere with their desire to expand trade, political and strategic ties.

Mr Wu's talks with US ministers are expected to cover their strong opposition to both the continued presence of Vietnamese troops in Cambodia and of some 100,000 Soviet forces in Afghanistan. The diplomatic fall-out from the bomb attack in Rangoon on Sunday that killed four South Korean Cabinet ministers may also be touched on.

Senior officials said that Sino-US relations were now "back on track", especially after the ending of disputes over textile trade and the American decision to grant asylum to Miss Hu Na, a Chinese tennis star.

Iraq Etendard deal shrouded in mystery

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Contradictory information about delivery of the five Super-Etendard jets to Iraq is flying around so fast that many people are beginning to wonder whether the French Government itself is not deliberately putting out misinformation, while playing for time in its efforts to sucure a ceasefire in the three-year Iran-Iraq war.

The latest news is that the planes have not left France at all, but are at the Bordeaux-Mérignac airport in the south.

Four weeks ago, reports began circulating, quoting well-informed sources, claiming that the five Super-Etendards were at the Landivisiau Air Force Base in Britanny. A few days later, however, other "well-informed" sources, claimed the planes had been dismantled, and were about to be shipped

Hot on the heels of that information, came reports, still officially unconfirmed, that the delivery had been deferred in deference to internatonal concern about an escalation of the war in the Gulf.

Then, on Sunday, came a flurry of new reports, all claiming the planes had left the Landivisiau base.

● TEHRAN: Iran has renewed its threat to close the Gulf, cutting off about a sixth of the non-communist world's oil supplies, if Iraq disrupts Iranian oil exports (Reuter reports).

● LONDON: Iraqi students in Britain have renewed their protest over alleged spying on them by diplomats from their London embassy (Henry Stanhope writes).

Santiago march marks start of 3-day protest

From Our Correspondent
Santiago

Three days of anti-government protests began last night in Santiago with a demonstration organized by Proden, an opposition grouping including representatives of the political left, centre and right.

The Government gave permission for the march after turning down an application by the Democratic Alliance, a loose coalition of Social Democrats, Christian Democrats and right-wingers, to hold four separate marches in central Santiago.

Left-wing groups are planning most of the events, with the Communists, Socialists and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) organizing demonstrations in the universities, streets and shantytowns of the capital, where employment is running at more than 30 per cent and popular discontent is high.

The Democratic Alliance, tried to reach an understanding with the Government through talks with the Interior Minister, Señor Sergio Onofre Jarpa, but their collapse last week, followed by the banning of its marches, left the Alliance out on a limb.

President Augusto Pinochet has seized back the reins of power, after they had seemed to be slipping into the hands of Señor Jarpa. After the celebrations last month marking the tenth anniversary of his coup against President Allende, General Pinochet began to feel more sure of his popular support, and moved to limit the powers granted to his Interior Minister.

Junta confronts debt crisis in Argentina

From Andrew Thompson, Buenos Aires

Argentina's military junta says it has, agreed on "the bases to rechannel negotiations" in the rescheduling of the country's estimated £27 billion foreign debt.

The precise meaning of the statement, issued late on Monday night after a four-hour meeting was being discussed yesterday in financial circles. Renegotiation talks with 320 creditor banks were paralysed late last month as a result of domestic court action, and the payments crisis led to deep divisions within the government.

The "freeze" on agreements to reschedule the debts of 32 state companies has been lifted by an appeal court, but there are two schools of opinion on how to proceed.

One view, supported by Central Bank officials, is that the agreements should be signed quickly, before the general elections, due on October 30. "We cannot wait a further 20 days to renegotiate the foreign debt" Señor Raul Sanguinetti, a director of the Central Bank, has said.

"The country is in a very serious situation. Imports have been virtually suspended, and whoever wins the elections, the day after taking office, will face too many other problems apart from the foreign debt."

On the other hand, the Air Force and some politicians support a moratorium, to allow the new government to deal with it.

The decision, in many senses, lies with the creditor banks. They originally set October 17 as the deadline for Argentina to put its financial house in order.

The committee of 12 leading banks coordinating the creditors was due to meet yesterday in New York. Some foreign bankers in Buenos Aires suggested that opinion was moving in favour of a postponement, on the grounds that the Government has neither the authority nor the necessary coherence to implement the agreements.

Sikh party decides to carry on agitating

From Michael Hamlyn
Amritsar

A special meeting of the Sikhs' political party, the Akali Dal, held yesterday at the most holy temple of the Sikh's religion in Amritsar decided that its agitation must continue.

In spite of the imposition of presidential rule in Punjab, and despite the declaration that the state itself and its capital, Chandigarh, are disturbed areas where police have greater powers to deal summarily with outbreaks of violence, an Akali official said last night: "The *morcha* will continue until all our just demands are conceded". *Morcha* is what they call the present struggle to wring confessions from the central Government on religion, territory and irrigation water, but the exact nature of the continued struggle is being left to the "*morcha* dictator" to work out and declare later.

The dictator, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, a Santa Claus-like figure with a long white beard and a shy smile, spent last evening closeted with his close advisers working out what form the agitation will take.

It is a difficult decision. As one leading Akali official pointed out: "We have been placed in a situation no different from that of a snake which has accidentally caught a lizard. If the snake devours the lizard it may go blind, and if it lets the lizard go it will be afflicted with leprosy.

"Similarly, if the Akali high command decides to reactivate the *morcha* it will aggravate communal tension in the state, and if it persists with the *morcha* half heartedly it will be handing over on a platter the leadership to the extremists, fundamentalists and secessionists who are waiting in the wings.

Yesterday's meeting of the Akali leadership – attended by one of the party's four MPs, 25 of its 36 members of the state Legislative Assembly and all 18 district presidents of the party, as well as Sant Longowal himself – decided that the courting of arrest would continue whereby lorry loads of volunteers are driven into Amritsar to occupy the streets and fill the prisons overnight.

Sant Jarnail Singh Bindranwale, surrounded by fiercely bearded and luxuriously turbaned warriors bearing spears, swords and Sterling submachine guns on the roof of a nearby lodging house, merely declared that the mood showed ever more clearly the chain of slavery about the neck of the Sikhs.

● LONDON: Pakistan has denied arming, training and financing any of the Sikh extremists involved in the continuing disturbances in the Punjab (Our Foreign Staff writes). In a statement issued this week through its High Commission in London, the Pakistani Government said it had scrupulously refrained from interfering in India's internal affairs and would not aid any movement seeking to create disorder in India.

Libya seeks reparations

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Libya is pressing for war reparations from the Italian Government for atrocities committed under the dictatorship of Benito Mussolini, and for compensation for 35 years of Italian colonial rule, which ended 30 years ago.

It is also encouraging other countries which suffered under colonial rulers to follow suit. It is not clear, however, how many former colonies are interested in joining Libya's campaign.

The Libyan Government is particularly concerned about the mines left behind after the Second World War, which, it says, have killed and injured 5,000 people.

Attempts to open negotiations with the Italian Government have proved fruitless, and there have been vague threats from Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, should the Italians remain silent.

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Andropov gives up hope of winning deal on missiles in Geneva

From Richard Owen, Moscow

President Andropov has given up hope of an agreement at the Geneva talks on medium-range missiles and is counting on a "hot autumn" of anti-nuclear protests in Europe to prevent Nato deployments, diplomats here believe.

The main target of an eleventh-hour Soviet propaganda campaign is West Germany, where a senior Soviet delegation led by Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the head of the Soviet-Communist Party's international information department, has been putting the Soviet case this week, warning Bonn not to accept new Nato missiles on its soil.

The delegation crossed the path of a West German Bundestag team on its way to Moscow for talks.

In its latest broadside *Pravda* yesterday said the stationing of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in West Germany in December would breach Soviet-German treaties signed in the 1970s which included undertakings by Bonn not to use force or prepare to launch a war from West German soil.

Until the airliner crisis a month and a half ago, Mr Andropov often referred nostalgically to the détente of the 1970s, and appeared to be laying the groundwork for a last minute compromise at Geneva. In the aftermath of the tragedy the Soviet leader kept a low profile for a month before deciding to reinforce the hard-line rhetoric of Russia's military spokesmen rather than try to salvage the moves towards an arms agreement.

He described President Reagan's new proposals at Geneva as "selfish, short-sighted and suicidal" and said any illusions that Reagan Administration policies might "evolve for the better" had been finally dispelled.

Mr Andropov is expected to maintain his bitterly anti-American tone in a speech in Sofia after this week's meeting of Warsaw pact foreign ministers in the Bulgarian capital. The missiles will also dominate talks in Vienna this weekend between Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Herr Hans Dietrich Genshcher, his West German counterpart.

Herr Egon Bahr, the Social Democrats' veteran disarmament expert and head of the Bundestag delegation, spent the day yesterday in search of common ground on the missiles question, but it seemed elusive. Diplomats here said it was wrong to suppose that Moscow had not yet said its "final word".

"There are times when you have to take what the Russians say at face value", one West European diplomat commented, "and this is one of them. What might have been common ground is rapidly filling up with rockets."

Diplomats believe that if Russia fails to prevent the Nato deployments it will abandon the Geneva medium-range talks as pointless while continuing the parallel talks on strategic arms (Start). Soviet officials have hinted that cruise and Pershing 2s – once deployed and a *fait accompli* – could be incorporated into Start and classified as "strategic".

● BONN: The talks this weekend between Herr Genscher and Mr Gromyko are seen here as the last chance for the Geneva negotiations (Michael Binyon writes).

Herr Genscher will draw on his long-standing professional relationship with Mr Gromyko to try to convince him that it is not too late for agreement if the Russians are ready to reply constructively to the latest American proposals.

He has already denied any intention of acting as a mediator between Moscow and Washington. But he will emphasize, in tones less ideological than those heard in Washington, the advantages of the latest Western offer, while insisting that the Russians will not shake Western resolution by threats or by encouragement of the peace movement.

Philippines in turmoil: Part 2

Divided opposition lacks panache

David Watts, South-East Asia Correspondent, has visited Manila to report on the turmoil since the murder in August of a leading opponent of President Marcos. In this second article he examines the prospects for political succession. His first article appeared on yesterday's feature page.

The assassination of Benigno Aquino and the years of martial law have robbed the Philippines of its political birthright: politicians of sufficient stature to take over when President Ferdinand Marcos leaves the scene.

Even as the health of the President wanes there is no political figure behind whom people can unite, no name which can spark enthusiasm like that of Aquino. More than six weeks after the former senator's death the opposition is still working hard on a joint programme, trying to patch together a "shadow" government which would lay claim to power when the President goes.

But these politicians know they can scarcely claim to be the men of the future, many of them having been associated with Mr Marcos in one way or another.

Politics in the Philippines in modern times has always been a question of money and patronage. After the declaration of martial law in 1972, President Marcos successfully raided the opposition parties for much of their talent. Traditional politics could not survive in the subsequent years, with the media controlled by Mr Marcos's men and with



Mrs Marcos: obvious source of future power.

Mr Varata: America's choice for succession.

financial power and what remained of opposition political power gradually being ceded to the Government, except in outlying areas.

Even if the clutch of opposition leaders, now working on a joint programme, can agree on something coherent, political programmes are not the stuff Phillippines politics are made of. Personalities with the panache of a Marcos are what is needed. The best the opposition can hope for is to have a set of figures standing by, should Mr Marcos suddenly go, to prevent what many fear may be bloody contest for power.

The most obvious source of future political power centres around the President's wife, Mrs Imelda Marcos. She already holds several important positions, including Minister of Human Settlements, which disburses a vast amount of government funding. She is also Governor of Metro Manila, the capital area.

She recently announced that she would retire from politics and play no part in next year's election should the ruling New Society Movement (KBL) allow her to step down. There is not likely to be a lack of KBL sponsors for a motion that she should stay, but any subsequent grab for power by Mrs Marcos would not be so well received by the public at large.

She would most likely have the backing of General Fabian Ver the armed forces Chief of Staff and the men who control the broad, high ground of the Phillippines' natural resources industries.

General Ver represents far more than merely the Army and the Air Force, having control also of intelligence and the various special commands, including the Aviation Security Command (Avsecom) which was in charge of security at Manila airport the day that Aquino was murdered.

General Ver's son is said to be in command of the armoured units that have been brought into the capital in case of trouble.

The general has recently increased his influence as both of his chief rivals, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the Defence Minister, and Lieutenant-General Fidel Ramos, who commands the Philippine constabulary, have had their powers limited by President Marcos.

But General Ver is not a popular figure in the Army and can only hope to maintain his present position so long as the Marcos family rules. Whether he could rally the armed forces behind Mrs Marcos is in doubt especially in the light of recent unrest at the Philippines Military Academy.

Mrs Marcos's erratic and free-spending ways would not make her a President to delight Washington: The man most likely to find favour there would be Mr Cesar Virata, the present Prime Minister, an American-trained technocrat, who has done his best to see that policies recommended by the International Monetary Fund are carried out. Indeed, it is said that the presence of Mr Virata in the Government is the primary reason that the Philippines continues to get IMF credits.

But since the Aquino murder no one can safely predict the future.

Concluded

China joins nuclear watchdog agency

Vienna (Reuter) - China was yesterday admitted to the International Atomic Agency, the watchdog body which operates safeguards and inspections on civil nuclear reactors.

Approval of China's application, was by a unanimous show of hands at the agency's general conference here, China becomes its one hundred and twelfth will member.

China will have to deposit with the US Government an instrument of acceptance of the statutes of IAEA, the atomic agency, a UN-affiliated body, before it can become a fully active member.

The country will not be bound by its membership to conform to the agency's international safeguards and inspection system, but it will be under pressure from other members to do so voluntarily, diplomats said.

Other states with nuclear weapons – the US, Britain and France – have voluntary safeguard agreements with the International Atomic Agency,

Mr Hans Blix, the agency's director-general, said that China could both benefit from and contribute to global cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Mr Donald Hodel, the US Energy secretary said "This decision by the world's most populous country, and a nation with a growing nuclear programme, is of great significance."



Tail down: A Boeing 747 owned by Flying Tigers air freight company sitting on the tarmac at Frankfurt yesterday after part of its cargo broke loose and smashed through the fuselage.

Oppenheimer will vote against electoral reform

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Harry Oppenheimer, the doyen of South African industrialists and former chairman of the Anglo-American Corporation, the world's biggest mining group, says he will vote "No" on November 2 in the all-white referendum on the Constitution Bill, passed by Parliament last August, but not yet promulgated.

If the Bill is approved, it will probably be put into effect early next year. It would extend the franchise, on separate voters' rolls, to the Indian and mixed-blood Coloured minorities, whose representatives would sit in different chambers alongside the white chamber. The legislative function of the new chambers, however, would be little more than advisory.

Mr Oppenheimer, who retired as chairman of Anglo at the end of last year but still heads De Beers, the corporation's diamond mining arm, said his decision was made "with regret, certainly, but with no doubt in my mind".

Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister, had shown courage in pursuing reform, Mr. Oppenheimer said, but had "found it necessary to structure this reform in a way which entrenches the power of the white majority party (the ruling National Party)".

The Government had also failed to consider the political rights of the millions of urban and rural blacks who wanted to remain South African citizens and rejected independence on Pretoria's terms.

What the Government had in mind for blacks, Mr Oppenheimer said, it had been made plain that it did not include a share in parliamentary power.

Opinion among white English- speaking businessmen is divided over the referendum. Most are expected to vote "Yes", believing the Constitution Bill represents a small, if inadequate, step, in the right direction.

The most interesting development has been the upsurge of black opposition. It had been thought that they were indifferent to what they saw as an all-white exercise.

But in the past few weeks, blacks of all political shades, led by Kwa Zulu's Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, have warned of a violent backlash if blacks are permanently excluded from South Africa's constitutional future.

Farmer dies using gun to club black

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

A farmer was killed by a shot from his own gun as he beat a black labourer with the butt, it was reported yesterday.

Mr Petrus Van Der Merwe, who was 46, swing the gun at Mr David Radebe, who had worked for him for 15 years, as they argued abort a pick-up truck stuck in mud near his farm at Credfort, Orange Free State.

His son, Johannes said that two shots went off as his father swing the gun first time but they went wide.

The third time he struck Mr Radebe the butt broke and another shot went off which hit Mr Van Der Merwe in the stomach, killing him instantly.

Police kill two

Chihuahua, Mexico (AP) – Police charged and fired into a crowd of leftist protesters at a small town in northern Mexico, killing a 74-year-old man and a small child and wounding at least 20 other people.

Far from home

Jiddah (AP) – A thirsty Dutch carrier pigeon found in the desert near here has been returned to the Netherlands.

Namibia unit blamed for death

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg

Members of a police counter-insurgency unit in Namibia were yesterday found guilty by an inquest court of causing the death of a black detainee last year "by an unlawful act or omission".

The unnamed policemen were members of the Koevoet (Afrikaans for crowbar), an anti-guerrilla unit with a grisly reputation for brutality and ruthlessness.

Mr A. H. Coetzer, the magistrate who presided at the inquest with a forensic pathologist, said that Mr. Jona Hamukwaya, the detainee, had probably died from a head injury as a result of an unlawful act by certain members of the Koevoet.

Mr Hamukwaya was arrested by a Koevoet detachment on November 18 last year in northern Namibia. The police said they were looking for Swapo guerrillas who had been given food by villagers in the area.

Witnesses at the inquest, in Rundu, north-eastern Namibia, said they had seen Koevoet policemen hitting Mr Hamukwaya in the chest and back with rifle butts.

THE ARTS

In the wake of Sir Peter Hall's *Diaries*, **Irving Wardle** reveals that Hall and Jonathan Miller have much more in common as directors than the public image of antagonism might suggest

Theatre perceived as a team game



"Official classicism"

"Iconoclastic novelty"

Along with other stirring tales of old South Bank battles from the boardroom to the picket line, Peter Hall's *Diaries* have reopened the directorial can of worms that occasioned the resignations of Jonathan Miller and Michael Blakemore.

Briefly, the story begins at the turn of the Seventies with Hall's arrival at the National Theatre and his simultaneous conversion to the doctrine of militant classicism. To the consternation of his admirers, the director of *The Wars of the Roses* and the drop-out *Hamlet* announced that he was turning his back on these youthful follies and would be playing no more topical games with the nation's masterpieces.

Even while Hall was setting up his cultural strongroom Miller was raiding it and gleefully spiriting the contents away to Edwardian Venice and colonial Nigeria – taking his cue from the kind of intellectual buccaneering that had made things hum at Stratford in the previous decade. By 1970, Miller's star was rising towards Hall's zenith, and not the least of the ills that befell the new National Theatre was the fatal conjunction that brought them together for two unhappy years and a much-publicized divorce.

The effect of this personal split was to divide the classical theatre itself into rival factions with Hall and Miller cast as opposing figure-heads. Hall stood for centres of excellence; Miller for lightweight, fly-by-night operations. Hall stood for official classicism; Miller for iconoclastic novelty. Hall liked working with stars; Miller with enthusiastic troupers like the *Measure for Measure* company which, he said, had been collected from the bottom of Peter Hall's toybox.

This, however, was not an independent assessment of the two men, but how they chose to present themselves to interviewers. Directors are the most articulate of all theatrical publicists, and what they say about themselves is apt to get printed and believed. If Hall and Miller had not been the source of so much readable copy, and if we had only their work to go on, I doubt whether we would ever have seen them as adversaries at all.

Take, for instance, the dispute over "conceptual" versus "faithful" production. This seems to me an entirely illusory issue, as either approach is at the mercy of what happens in rehearsal. Hall's *Diaries* record one associates' meeting at which Miller alarmed the company by proposing to direct an all-male version of *The Importance of Being Earnest* (why not, in view of the NT's previous all-male *As You Like It* and its subsequent all-black *Measure for Measure*?). Miller did not get his show; but a year or two later he directed *The Importance* at Greenwich with a German Lady Bracknell, which struck some people as an outrageous gimmick and others as a piercing insight into the Wilhelmenian influence on late Victorian aristocracy.

To Hall, this must have seemed like going *one* better than a baritone Gwendolen. But, according to Miller, his Lady Bracknell was having a memory block ("He's not very good at pointing a line, Oscar"), and improvising a blotting-paper approximation of the text. Miller's remedy was to suggest that the whole company played in joke voices; whereupon the actress took advantage of her half-German parentage, and showed herself in crisp, faultlessly memorized command of the lines. How many directorial masterstrokes, over which reviewers have rhapsodized, have derived from solving some basic acting problem?

I would like to know, for example, how far Hall's decision to include the English sub-plot in *Volpone* derived from John Gielgud's readiness to play Sir Politick Would-Be; and whether the presence of a plump singer in his *Onegin* cast gave Miller the idea of presenting the romantically doomed Lensky in the bespectacled likeness of Franz Schubert.

Theatre being a team activity, the answer to such questions may not normally matter very much; it only starts to matter when someone raises the spectre of a jackbooted autocrat dragooning actors and text into the service of a single interpretative viewpoint. Such an idea was abroad during the decade of the Hall *Diaries*. I wondered what truth there was in it, and in 1979, while this newspaper was suspended, I seized the chance of switching from the mistrusted role of reviewer to the increasingly indulged role of observer. The National Theatre was extremely hospitable, and gave me access to the rehearsals of William Gaskill, Christopher Morahan, John Dexter and Peter Hall. I also had a whale of a time at Greenwich during Miller's rehearsals of *She Would If She Could*.

As you would expect, the experience revealed a great variety of working methods, which are outside the scope of this article. What is to the point is that there was not one intellectual terrorist on the scene; and no cherished textual interpretation that was not modified or discarded by contact with the human element.

Dexter began work on *As You Like It* with the idea of setting the play in a continuous environent of peasant drudgery and seasonal rituals. That idea went down the drain; as did Gaskill's elaborately formalized duels for *A Fair Quarrel* (thanks in part to the NATKE crew who had left a large hole in the middle of his stage). For each director, you could envisage a non-theatrical equivalent: navigator, Socratic analyst, sports coach. But none of them pulled rank.

Two memories that stand out are of Hall getting up and improvising a stream of *baby*-talk for Constanze during one of the last scenes of *Amadeus*, and Miller contemplating his matriarchal leading lady, laid flat on her back by a fit of the vapours, and asking two of the company to manhandle her off-stage like a Laurel and Hardy plank. Each director, it seemed to me, could have changed places with the other. Hall does not go off into Miller's cadenzas of baroque clowning (who does?), but, when it came to the practice *of directing*, *their approach* seemed identical. Unlike Dexter, who knows his texts and footnotes by heart, they do not go in for academic preparation. Hall's statement that his ideas "do not really take shape until working with people on the stage" applies equally to Miller, who disdains improvisation exercises, as his way of rehearsing a text amounts to a prolonged improvisation. Both love getting in among the actors, and conducting a professional task in an atmosphere of energetic fun.

Above all, both derive their authority not from any pre-arranged master-plan but from the capacity to think very fast on their feet. Directors, as a rule, do not see each other at work. Whether or not this goes for Hall and Miller I cannot say; but I quit my spell as an observer feeling that much wasteful antagonism might have been avoided if each could have been a fly on the other's wall.

Music in London

Touch of elitism

Brandis Quartet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Encouragingly described in their publicity material as "an elitist ensemble", the Brandis Quartet of Berlin proved, in Beethoven's Op 18 No 1, to be a quartet of soloists in the best sense. Such equal-voiced playing seemed apt as in his revision of this piece before publication the composer was concerned with an even-handed distribution of musical interest between the instruments.

Beethoven is traditionally thought to have had the *Romeo and Juliet* tomb scene in mind when composing the slow movement, and the work's main weight lies here – perhaps unduly so. It was a bit smooth, but the Brandis players showed an appreciation of the finale's humour and the sophistications *of its sonata-rondo form*, especially the moments of contrapuntal zest.

Despite the above encomium, there were Beethovenian passages when one was not sure if the cello's bass line was strong enough, and during Wolf's *Italian Serenade* the first violin's part was occasionally understated. There was an engagingly instantaneous response, though, to this music's shifting moods, now whimsical, now insistent.

Quite different sorts of equivocation are sometimes at work in Schubert's C major Quintet, for which the Brandis ensemble was joined by Steven Isserlis as second cellist. The consequent richness was always *finely controlled, and this*, somewhat paradoxically, was a result of the fully flowering expressiveness of each line. Every nuance appeared to relate *to all other nuances*, and nowhere more so, of course, than in the Adagio.

No amount of familiarity can make this other than one of chamber music's profoundest experiences, and it was perfectly just that those widely arching melodies received the evening's most memorable playing.

Max Harrison

Debuts

It is strange that London has not heard the Russian violinist Roman Nodel before. Now 41, and domiciled in West Germany, he arrived at the Wignore Hall not as a tentative debutant but with a boldness springing from total command of his instrument. In a first half of Vivaldi, Tartini and César Franck he now and again emerged too highly-strung. Even Franck's ardent Sonata seemed at times to burst out of its skin, with Gordon Back, otherwise admirable, forgetting how easily the piano can dominate the second movement. But thanks to pungent attack and rhythmic tension, also a very wide range of dynamics and colour, Mr Nodel's characterization of Prokofiev's F minor Sonata was arrestingly vivid. Nor can he be over-praised for the potent contrasts of mood, *multum in parvo*, that he found in 10 Preludes from Shostakovich's Op 34 in an uncommonly telling transcription for violin and piano by Dmitri Tzyganov.

The Spanish pianist Mario Monreal was a virtuoso of unusual control, able to throw *off seven Transcendental Studies* by Liszt and the *Carmen* Fantasy chosen as first encore as effortlessly as if they had been grade-one exercises. He had formidable strength to match lightning dexterity, and always maintained the clearest texture. In climaxes he was inclined to harden his tone, certainly to an excessive degree for a work such as Chopin's B minor Sonata, while in this composer's more intimate lyri*cism his cantabile was insufficiently* luminous. But both the Sonata and the Barcarolle found him appreciative of their logic and larger shape. If only there had been evidence of a more immediate and personal emotional commitment, of a keener sense of wonder, this would have been a recital to remember.

It was hardly to be expected that a trio from France called Les Idées heureuses would discharge their country's baroque and twentieth-century music with equal authority. Denis Artot's harpsichord account of Couperin's "Les Dominos" was *in* fact as sensitively executed as it was deeply felt, but the flautist, Pierre Miscevic, sounded furtive in this early period, and the brave soprano, Veronica Grange, less than completely assured in intonation and vocal production. But, though still handicapped by small tone, the flautist met the demands of Honegger and Roussel with more conviction after the interval, while the singer, too, proved infinitely more tonally and expressively beguiling in Poulenc, Roussel and a pithy now 1920s-type Cocteau cycle, *Trousse de voyage*, by the versatile Denis Artot, now at the piano.

Joan Chissell



Theatre

Variations on a classic theme

Fly Away Home
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

Any man who has ever longed to escape from nappy-buckets and sleepless nights to a solitary garret with a typewriter will readily identify with the hero of William Humble's play, at least during its first half.

Tim, who sees himself as the Balzac of the North London Polytechnic, first quits his student pad and settles reluctantly for an inner-city house as the price of marriage to Anna. Andy, his old flatmate, may mock, but nobody could call Clapham Junction bourgeois, and raising a family there is out of the question. Anna, however, swiftly contrives a pregnancy, and it is out to the leafy suburbs and a grinding domestic round that turns NFT retrospectives into a thing of the past.

Inch by inch, Tim loses all his most cherished ground, and takes his revenge with incessant sniping and bloody-mindedness; hanging on to the idea of his unwritten novel as the last outpost of his old identity.

Fly Away Home enacts this glum variation on the classic theme of the artist man and the mother woman in the form of a morality play: defined at the *Lyric* by Roger Glossop's divided stage with a central area of blackness flanked by the suburban living room and the squalid Acton flat. While a table is laid for dinner in one area, baked beans are spooned up in the other; and Tim is stranded between two ways of life, not knowing to which he belongs.

Also, Mr Humble invokes the morality device of the good and evil angels, in the form of a fully married-up neighbour, Robbie, who dotes on his family, and the brutally non-attached Andy.

So far the play presents a standard pattern more than a *particular story. In the second* half, it starts making individual choices, and questions start creeping in. Why, for instance, is Tim so resistant to change, especially as he loves his son? It is not even as if he were writing his book. Rows and thunderous silences then explode into an act of separation – played from the guts by Diana Quick and Hywel Bennett as a classic encounter between a passionately neg*lected woman and an unfeeling* man who casts his eyes up in despair even as he is putting an arm round her shoulder. But Mr Humble caps this truthful climax by sentimentally polishing off Tim's beloved son as well; thus bringing him round to maudlin remorse for destroying *his chances of ordinary* happiness.

At this point Mr Humble springs a thrilling surprise. Anna returns to the stage to attack the play we have just seen as Tim's ultimate betrayal. Depending on how you look at it, she is invading his last sanctuary of private space, or taking a just revenge on all those writers who have exploited personal relationships *under the pretext of art*. The only problem here, though, is that the character of Tim is drawn with such guilt that you never feel he had it in him to write the play. Roger Lloyd Pack and Tim Woodward incisively define the domestic and egotistic extremes in Peter James's production.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



Playing from the guts: Hywel Bennett

Just a Kick in the Grass
Nuffield, Southampton

Richard Ireson's play about football corruption has been worth waiting for. In March the *trustees of Bromley's Churchill* Theatre cancelled a planned première, blaming its filthy language; suspicions grew that its grim picture of boardroom frauds and a bent Fraud Squad was the real offence, but after overhearing shocked older patrons at the Nuffield I am not so sure.

What did they expect from a play whose cast-list stretches from the former barrow-boy chairman to the hooligans on *the terraces? Actually* they talk much the same way, thus strengthening the impression of a continuum of thuggery with skinheads at one end, detectives expecting £1,000 bribes in the middle and a horsemeat-hamburger millionaire in the directors' box at the top.

Hallet himself (John Bardon) is a memorably monstrous creation, telling the officers to make themselves useful beating up Blacks, tipping his players £20 when they reach the First Division ("like waiters", one says bitterly), then watching impotently as they get thrashed by Liverpool and a smooth young local councillor unable to tell soccer from rugby (Michael Cadman) sorts out the deficit and snatches his job, his salary *and his leggy secretary*.

Mr Ireson's relish for damning his characters with well-observed detail slows the forward drive of the plot, and David Gilmour's production cannot hide that. But the parts prove wonderfully playable. Hallet's fur-coated missus (Brenda Fricker) would "rather watch gangrene fester" than a football fly, but is set on bringing her husband down before cancer stops her. Crippled by a foul, the team's black wonderboy (Ben Ouwukwe) is thrown on the scrapheap with pitiful compensation. The harmless simpleton who lives for winter Saturdays (Patrick Monckton) sees his home ground ploughed up for a more profitable shopping *development*.

And there the play shows its sympathies: greed, graft, privilege with a cosmetic common touch, have reduced a game, a source of fun, to the point where new shops and new jobs would actually do more good. For Mr Ireson, football's cancer is terminal and deserved – as challenging a kick-off to discussion as you could want.

Anthony Masters

Jazz

Joanne Brackeen
Ronnie Scott's

There was a time, perhaps bracketed by the deaths of Charlie Parker in 1955 and John Coltrane in 1967, when what we call modern jazz lost friends through the insistence of many fine musicians on ironing all conventional expressive nuance, out of their playing. Instead of being punctuated by accent and pause, improvisations were delivered like electronic print-outs, with velocity and complexity seeming to be the only parameters.

Luckily, the avant garde of the 1960s and 1970s reversed this process: Ornette Coleman and Albert Ayler were two exemplars who broadened the range of gesture, while the graduates of Chicago's influential Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians looked both forward and backward at the same time, to the point where many young improvisers now have more in common with the dramatically effervescent pre-modern styles of Bubber Miley and Tricky Sam Nanton than with the straight-faced beboppers of the Fifties.

*Joanne Brackeen, a Califor*nian pianist whose experience with the bands of Woody Shaw, Stan Getz and others has earned her a growing reputation, runs against this trend; indeed, the duets she is currently performing in London with the bassist Clint Houston represent a definition of the opposite approach.

Whether in such highly wrought original compositions as "Einstein" and "Special Indentity" or the more familiar cadences of "My Romance", the sheer density of their outpourings floods the perceptions: as sometimes happens with Cecil Taylor, the drama is reduced simply because there is too much to absorb. Occasionally an isolated felicity shines through, such as one of Houston's sotto voce glides or Brackeen's way of terminating a series of rat-tat-tat block chords with a quick tremolo, but, while sincere admiration is an appropriate response to the music's logic, spirit and percussive drive, the heart does not really respond.

Richard Williams

Television

Keeping a sense of prestige

Frank Cvitanovich is a good film-maker but there is always a danger with his techique, of close observation without anyone intervening between camera and subject, that he can become so engrossed that the audience is left to its own devices – which, these days, can mean that, feeling rather neglected, they take advantage of the remote control and switch over.

His new series of three films began on Thames last night with Thank You Jesus, which focused on Pastor Io Smith, a large, nattily dressed, attractive black lady whose Church of the New Testament Assembly offers a largely black congregation in Leyton a place of light and relief and diversion from their sufferings in the way of unemployment and social deprivation.

The worship at her church is emotional, rhythmic and entered into, whether it be penitent or celebratory, with a gusto that eventually carries along even those whites who *appear to have more inhibition* in these gatherings than blacks.

Pastor Smith told us that unemployment in this part of *London's East End* was highest among the blacks. She put it as high as seven out of 10 and expressed particular concern for youngsters who, she said, needed to be four or five times as brilliant as a white to compete successfully for a job. They were also, she said, *suffering particularly* because, unlike their forebears, they were less inclined to endure passively.

She also said that she was against black people trying to be like whites and that she wanted them to behave as nature *inclined them. She wanted them* to be proud and avoid what she considered to be the worst injury individuals could do themselves, which was to do something that lowered their estimation of their own prestige.

We saw Pastor Smith going energetically and pleasantly about her work at prayer services, playgroups, weddings and baptisms but, though the photography was intimate and and *good, we heard little* other of Pastor Smith's beliefs and philosophy, which was a pity because curiosity awakened but left unsatisfied is an irritant. No doubt Mr Cvitanovich has the answers but he did not let on. Let us hope his next two films will be more explicit.

Dennis Hackett

Opera

Les Troyens
Metropolitan, New York

The one-hundredth Metropolitan Opera season opened with more pomp and ceremony than usual. Because of the festive nature of the occasion, more of the audience wore white tie and tails, and, because of the elevated nature of the musical offering, more of the audience kept silent during the performance. The offering was Berlioz's *Les Troyens*, complete, in its first revival since it was originally seen here in 1973.

James Levine was in full charge of the large forces *necessary for this sprawling* opera, and conducted a performance notable for its fervour, pace and clear elucidation of the orchestral colours Berlioz built into *Les Troyens*, the true nineteenth-century epic counterweight to Wagner. Levine's overall slow pacing of the Trojan acts, and his quickness in the Carthage ones, somewhat restricted the individuality of tempo that is so characteristic of Berlioz's music, but his handling of the supreme Act IV sequence of quartet, septet and duet was masterly, with the septet in its hushed serenity unfolding in radiance.

Jessye Norman made her debut as Cassandre, and she rightly dominated the Trojan acts with her presence and her command of French. She is a majestically tortured rather than a neurasthenic princess, subsuming within herself the woes she sees for her people and expiating them in her final sacrifice.

The Didon, Tatiana Troyanos, was a more humanly-scaled figure of tragedy, both anguished and resigned, and *though she conveyed the music* with great feeling the voice lacks enunciative clarity and that tensioned musical line Berlioz demands. The two singers will switch roles later in the run.

Placido Domingo served both the lyric and declamatory aspects of Enée with grace and power, aided by some discreet downward transpositions; in his set-piece, "Inutiles regrets", he served both at once. The secondary cast was uniformly good, with honours to Allan Monk's Chorèbe and Douglas Ahlstedt's Iopas.

Peter Wexler's garish sets for the original production have been reworked, to their benefit, but there is still too much aimless turntable-action in the Trojan acts, as the walls totter about the stage; the horse is reduced to an oversized dragon-head, and the whole opera is centred on a very dated elevated disc. The Royal Hunt sequence, originally done with films, is now presented as an orchestral interlude, without action.

Fabrizio Melano, the producer, chose to direct the opera as a semi-oratorio, with a minimum of stage movement, and this added to its impact, since much of what Berlioz created that is timeless is contained less in the action than in the music itself. In this setting, the principals and the music were to the fore (the principals often at the front of the stage). It was, as an evening, a deserved homage to a great work.

Patrick J. Smith

Dance

Swan Lake
Covent Garden

It is unusual for the leading man to hog the attention in *Swan Lake*, but these are *unusual* circumstances, with two successive performances at Covent Garden each introducing a new Siegfried to the Royal Ballet's production. Jay Jolley's debut was planned – an experienced dancer just recruited from Festival Ballet, where he had built a strong reputation. Jonathan Cope was hurried into the role at about a fortnight's notice because of a colleague's incapacity; he joined the company exactly a year ago, straight from the Royal Ballet School.

Cope's only previous experience of a big leading role was as Albrecht for his graduation, but that was enough to mark him out for coming prominence, and he had already been picked for a leading part in Richard Alston's new ballet in December. All the same, a four-act classic is another matter.

It is his height, coupled with his strength and skill in partnering, that gives Cope an edge on his contemporaries. Playing opposite Pippa Wylde, one of the tallest soloists, he gave absolutely secure, assured support throughout. As a soloist, Cope has a better jump than the (generally disappointing) *Royal Ballet average; apart* from that his technique looks sound, well-balanced, not at this stage notably brilliant, but perfectly presentable.

He and Wylde both acted their roles thoughtfully, intelligently, but without much apparent emotion. She tends to a cool, reserved manner anyway, so Cope may find a warmer expressiveness later when matched with other partners. The pleasure in Wylde's performance comes from seeing the dances smoothly and efficiently displayed.

Marguerite Porter, Odette/Odile at the other performance, has a more fragile technique: rather soft round the edges, and she funks the *fouettés*. But Jay Jolley's experienced, helpful care showed her to best advantage in the adagios, just as his engaging presence and lively sense of theatrical presentation made the most of her winsome acting.

Jolley clearly relishes the big romantic ballets (indeed, he left his native America five years ago to be able to dance them). His arrival at Covent Garden will fill a gap, since the established leading men there tend more towards a dramatic style, and his example should encourage and help the younger hopefuls.

Among these, I must mention another of only one year's standing, Bruce Sansom; *his* dancing, beautifully matched with Stephen Sheriff's, brought exceptionally smooth, brilliant finesse to the Ashton *pas de quatre* in Act III.

John Percival



SPECTRUM



Communist aggression and lies constitute the great temptation of our time, according to Jeane Kirkpatrick. In a last extract from her conversation with George Urban, she tells why this is so

The ignorance of Western intellectuals

Kirkpatrick: I don't find it difficult to explain the West European position on El Salvador – although I think it very short-sighted. It represents an extraordinary blindness and/or indifference to the security interests of the US. For what is the message our European Allies are sending us when criticizing our positions in Central America and voting against us at the UN? *Is it this?* That the US is expected to be concerned about the security of Western Europe, but Western Europe need not have a reciprocal concern about the security of the US?

Now, I grant you that the US is a member of an Nato alliance which is explicitly concerned with the security of Western Europe, while the West European countries are not members of any alliance that would guarantee the security of the USA in its own hemisphere. But the fact is that the Caribbean and Central America constitute the fourth border of the USA. The Soviets perceived very accurately as *early as 1967 that this area was a* kind of "soft underbelly" of the US, and that our capacity to act forcefully elsewhere in the world depended on our freedom from a serious threat to our security on our borders. It follows that US security in Central America ought to be a prime concern of Europe.

What disturbed me a great deal at the UN was the discovery of the multiple issues on which the US, the UK, and Western Europe have different perspectives.

The most disturbing for me have been the human rights issues. All Western nations have repeatedly acquiesced in ignoring massive human rights violations by the Soviets and their satellites (Poland, Cuba, Vietnam, Ethiopia), and focus their protests on the real but both qualitatively and quantitatively lesser violations committed by traditional non-communist anti-communist autocracies in Latin America, and also in Israel.

Urban: *But has the US pursued a different and more principled course?*

Kirkpatrick: Not really. Until the arrival of the present Administration, the US passively acquired in all this. Since last year, however, we have declared war on using such double standards, especially in the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Last year, in Geneva, we finally managed (in cooperation with the West European countries) to pass a weak resolution on Poland, calling on the Secretary-General at least to investigate human rights abuses there. Unbelievably, this was the first human-rights resolution affecting a communist country which was ever passed by the Human Rights Commission. And, as I say, though important, it was much, much weaker than the human rights resolutions regularly endorsed by a Third Committee of the UN General Assembly on Guatemala, El Salvador, Uruguay, or Chile. Right now, it is almost impossible to interest our West European *friends in human rights violations* in Nicaragua, even though we have incontrovertible documentary evidence to show that the Sandinista régime is subjecting many thousands of Miskito Indians to the most brutal maltreatment.

All this leads me to the disquieting conclusion I have already mentioned: that some Western nations have a highly politicized concept of the moral issues involved, that they are apparently indifferent to the security interests of the US in Central and South America; and that they are too often content to acquiesce in human rights policies whose principal functions is to serve the political interests of the Soviet bloc. Sweden provides the extreme example of all these tendencies. Their human rights policies in the UN bodies are highly ideological and by no means "neutral" in their political content.

Urban: *May I return, to end this long colloquy, to what we have said about the extraordinary predilection of Western intellectuals – and a sector of Western youth for giving the benefit of the doubt (and more than that) to communist régimes. Haven't we read too many clever things into their motivations? The majority of them – or so it seems to me – are just angry young men and women raging at the limitations of the human condition. May of them do not even consciously support socialism. They simply echo man's anguished cry since the beginning of time: "There has to be a better world, or life, or society than this one."*

Don't you think that this vague longing – this non-specific, negative Utopianism, this really adolescent urge to tear down the temple – is perhaps all we have to look for when trying to explain "the reason of the clerks," whether or the left or on the right?

Kirkpatrick: That is certainly the main source of the intellectual confusion. Alienation from existing authority – not economic role – is the principle determinant of their susceptibility to totalitarianism. Totalitarian ideologies promise an end of "alienation." False consciousness, isolation, *anomie*, separation, loneliness, purposelessness – all are defined as subjective consequences of objective social ills, therefore as capable of being eradicated through social engineering.



'Most disturbing for me have been the human rights issues'

The intellectuals we have in mind act in a spirit that assumes that human nature in the future may be qualitatively different from what it was in the past, a spirit that views each situation as *tabula rasa* on which a plan can be imposed, and therefore sees experience in other times and places as having no real relevance. Intention becomes more important than experience, intelligence than custom. Yet the most extraordinary fact about our times is, to say it again, the tenacity with which persons who pride themselves on being rational and scientific hold to a mystical faith in political propositions which are demonstrably false and unreasonable.

Despite the fact that Communist parties have on reliable relation to the masses–do not come to power through mass action, do not submit industry to the control of the people or organize production for the benefit of the workers, and do not in general rule at the pleasure of the masses – a vast body of myth, misunderstanding and confusion supports the notion that there is some sort of mystical affinity of communism and "the people."

The notion persist that communists are somehow morally superior to other élites which use amoral means to gain power and impose repressive minority dictatorships. The sources are several.

One is the semantic confusion fostered by the communists themselves through their through their systematically perverse use of language. By calling "autonomous" that which is powerless, "federated" that which is unitary, "democratic" that which is autocratic, "united" that which is schismatic, "popular" that which is imposed by terror, "peaceful" that which incites war–in brief, by systematically corrupting language to obscure reality–the communists have made inroads into our sense of political reality. Language is, after all, the only medium in which we can think. It is exceedingly difficult to eliminate all the traditional connotations of words – to associate phrases like "For a Lasting Peace and a People's Democracy" with neither peace nor popular movements nor democracy.

A related form of semantic subversion, practised by communist parties everywhere, is the effort to capture prestigious symbols, slogans, and traditions. Communist parties in the underdeveloped world attempt to indentify themselves with the slogans of nationalism and anti-colonialism. Communists in France attempt to identify themselves with the symbols of the *Résistance*, the French Revolution, and the tradition of the left. French communists have attempted to capture Victor Hugo, as American communists staked a claim to Tom Paine and Abraham Lincoln.

Communism does not grow by winning support for its own values. Neither members nor followers are regularly recruited through the appeal of communist values. Communism grows by indentifying itself with the prestige symbols of competing movements and so blurring issues, stakes and alignments.

If communist parties spoke of *collectivization* to peasants; of *internationalism* to the new nations, of *inexorable conflict* to pacifists; of *monolithic conformity* to intellectuals; of *state capitalism* to the working classes; and of *dictatorship* to the middle classes – in short, if communist parties attempted to recruit support through the appeal of their own real values, the lines of conflict would be clearly drawn. Communism, whose values have a sharply limited appeal, would be readily defeated.

The political temptation of "the new class" of intellectuals we have been puzzling over in this conversation lies in *the belief that its* members; intelligence and exemplary motives equip them to reorder the institutions, the lives, and even the characters of almost everone by violence if necessary – this is the totalitarian temptation.

The destruction of Korean airliner 007 by Soviet rockets provides further evidence that violence and lies are regular instruments of Soviet policy and obliterates the conventional boundaries between peace and war. Soviet officials regularly behave as though truth were only what they said it was–and as if violence were an instrument of first resort in foreign affairs. These Soviet actions and claims illuminate the Soviet conception of appropriate relations among nations in peace time.

We, on the other hand, believe that truth is as vital to cooperation and peace among nations as among people. It is depressing to consider a world in which a major nation equipped with the most powerful modern weapons believes it has a sovereign right to fire on a commercial airliner lost over its territory.

We are dealing here, not with the decisions of individuals, but with the decisions and priorities characteristic of the Soviet system. Not only did Soviet officials order the destruction of a civilian airliner and lie about it, they have also refused offers of international participation in search-and-rescue efforts in spite of internationally agreed-upon standards and practices.

We are reminded once again that the Soviet Union is a state based on the twin principles of callousness and mendacity, dedicated to the role of force, and governed by the idea of the dictatorship of the proletariate which in 1920 Lenin defined in these words: "The scientific concept of dictatorship means nothing more than unrestricted power, absolutely unimpeded by law or regulations and resting directly on force."

It is this principle of force – this mentality of force – that lies at the root of the Korean Airline tragety. This is the reality we all must ponder as we consider the threats to peace and human rights that face all of us today.

The full text of the conversation between J. Kirkpatrick and George Urban will appear in the 30th anniversary issue of *Encounter* on October 20. George Urban is a writer and historian specializing in soviet affairs. Jeane Kirkpatrick is the US Ambassador to the UN.

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moreover... Miles Kington

Eye of the storm

According to an opinion poll taken in Soviet Russia last week, more than 99 per cent of the population said yes. And that was before they'd even been asked a question.

This East European joke, which came out of the Moreover computer over the weekend during one of its routine propaganda sessions, does not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of the Moreover management. With the advent of the first autumn poll in Britain (Kinnock closes gap on Thatcher!), our hearts sink collectively. It does not take an expensive statistical survey to prove that a new, young leader of the Labour Party will gain in popularity during his honeymoon period, any more than we need an opinion poll to prove that the weather is getting cooler.

There are several things about the Soviet Union which seem attractive from a distance, mostly the absence of things we find irksome here. They *don't* have opinion polls, or advertising, or ten trailers before the feature film, or peace demonstrations clogging up the traffic. It's a shame in a way that we only praise the Soviets for things they haven't got, never for anything they've got, but it's nice to be able to praise them for something. And something they haven't got in profusion, I have realized over the past week, is storms.

The storm we have had in the past week is the Cecil Parkinson storm. You may have read about it. When Cecil Parkinson annouced that he intended to go on living with his wife, there was an immediate storm. We knew there was a storm because the newspapers said so, a storm which grew, which raged about his head, which blew through Westminster and which threateded to bring down, if not the Tory Party, at least Cecil Parkinson.

The oddest thing about this storm, as with so many newspaper storms, was that it seemed to have no visible effect outside newspapers. No walls were knocked down in Yorkshire, no trees fell across roads in the Midlands. I have travelled extensively on public transport the last week, and eavesdropped on conversations in all our major pubs, and not once have I heard a reference to the Parkinson storm. People are simply not talking about it. I am reluctantly coming to the conclusion, bizarre though it sounds, that this storm has been a freak storm which happened only in Fleet Street and did not affect even nearby streets.

One explanation for this may be that the public were puzzled by not finding the Parkinson drama enacted on television. It is an exact replay, with the sexes reversed, of the earlier *Coronation Street* drama, in which Ken Barlow's wife decided to leave him and then change her mind at the last moment. The nationwide interest was enormous, but this was because we could watch it every night on TV, and share in Deirdre's struggle with herself. But when the public switched on to look for Mr Parkinson holding his wife's hand and saying: "I'll make a go of it if you will" (music, credits), they looked in vain. They could believe in Ken Barlow, because they could see him with their own eyes; Mr Cecil Parkinson, I'm afraid, they tend to think of as a fictional character.

The great question remains: why do the newspapers go on believing in the existence of, and the great storm around, Mr Cecil Parkinson? And here I have a confession to make. I did not consult last Sunday's heavies for the answer. I am sure the answer was there. It always is there. The trouble is, it is always accompanied by an immensely complex and illegible diagram which invariably defeats me and makes me feel inferior. Sometimes it is labelled "Why Japanese air control missed Korean airliner", at other times it is labelled "How they defeated the Maze security system" or "Why oil slicks will go on happening", but it is always the same diagram. Last Sunday it was, presumably, labelled "How the Parkinson Storm grew", but readers will have to forgive me if I had not the heart to study it.

Caroline Moorehead looks at science fiction, the folklore of the twentieth century

The message from outer space

The timing of the recent speculation about a UFO's visit to a Suffolk pine forest could hardly have been better. This week the Book Marketing Council begins its promotion of 20 science-fiction writers. The alien visitor serves to illustrate how, at least on one level, our attitudes towards space have scarcely changed in nearly a century. For the Tanham Wood spacecraft – a fast-moving object with powerful lights, disgorging a red ball full of beings in silver spacesuits – is little different from H. G. Wells's Martian, who arrived in the guise of a falling star on Woking Common in the mid 1890s.





Clarke

Asimov

Wyndham



Ballard

Aldiss

Moorcock

Science fiction, so the experts say, is the most misunderstood genre in modern writing. No one can agree either when it began (Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*? The publication of the first science-fiction magazines in America in the mid 1920s?) or quite how to define it. "Any fiction inspired by science and scientific change," says J. G. Ballard. "Any book," says Christopher Priest, rather more mockingly, "that has sci-fi on its cover."

In its list of 20 authors the Book Marketing Council includes H. G. Wells, Aldous Huxley and George *Orwell alongside Ballard*, Brian Aldiss and Michael Moorcock. The choice has been widely criticized, as Christopher Priest explains: "If you wish to, you can drag in any number of writers and call them science-fiction authors. Huxley and Orwell would turn in their graves."

What, then defines science fiction? For publishers and writers alike the term appears to cover all writing that is *speculative about the future, and some* that is speculative about non-existent past. The traditional BEM (bug-eyed monster), clanking robots and the random rearrangement of time have not vanished as popular themes. Instead they have been joined by every permutation of modern science, including psychology, sociology, linguistics and medicine, although, as Brian Aldiss once put it, they almost always end with nemesis clobbering hubris.

At one extreme lies the esoteric work of Ian Watson, the Oxford academic who writes about structuralism; at the hordes of popular and garish comics with their ingredients of horror, sado-masochism and the occult. In between, there is time travel, genetic mutation, Arthurian legend (very successful), "paranoid sci-fi", and enjoying a considerable current popularity the "fuzzies": typically "golden-furred and *emerald-eyed, the largest of them two* feet tall".

There is also, of course, Tolkien-inspired fantasy, often selling better than "pure" science fiction, though again definitions blur. "If it has a rocket on the cover, it's sci-fi," says Dick Judge, manager of *Forbidden Planet*, London's science-fiction bookshop off the Charing Cross Road. "If it has a naked barbarian, it's fantasy."

Whatever the vocabulary the "genre" as all fans call it, appears to be booming once again. It is dominating the *New York Times'* best seller lists (in the shapes of Robert Heinlein's *Friday*, Arthur C. Clarke's *2001*, James A Michener's *Space* and Isaac Asimov's *Foundations Edge*) and accounting for up to 20 per cent of some British paperback publisher's entire turnover. John Wyndham for example, has sold almost six million books in paperback alone. *For aficionados it is a* cult with its accepted classics – Clarke's *2001*, Frank Herbert's *Dune*.

Leaving aside the question of science fiction's literary genesis, the genre achieved its commercial launch in the 1920s when the "pulps, with their threatened maidens in wispy gauze, soon won enormous and steady audiences.

By the late 1950s some half-dozen glossy magazines – such as *Astounding*, *New Worlds* or *Galaxy* – were selling 140,000 copies a month in Britain alone, and Charles Chilton's BBC radio serial, *Journey into Space* was thought to have an audience of well over two million.

The 1950s witnessed the birth of the boom in science-fiction book publishing, with 30 London publishers turning out roughly 160,000 science fiction books each year.

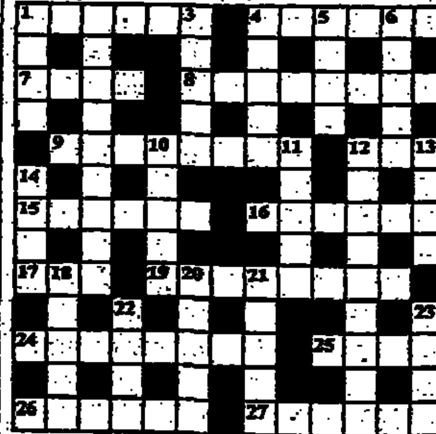
The boom was followed, however, by a slump.

The 1970s were not particularly good years for science-fiction writing. American and English concerns seemed to diverge, with British writers like Ballard losing esteem in America, and Ballard himself dismissing American preoccupations with trying to recapture an outmoded American dream. The vast success of the film *Star Wars* did a great deal to boost the video-game industry and its own book spin-off (the paperback sold more than a million copies in England alone), but little for science fiction as a whole.

The question remains, however, whether the science fiction being written today is concerned with developing new perceptions, or whether it is merely reworking familiar themes. Did the 1950s and 1960s represent a glorious era whose innovations cannot be repeated.

To counter this view is a feeling, stoutly defended by most fans, that science fiction should be considered the authentic and enduring folk literature of the twentieth century. "We are now living in a world invented by science fiction."

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 173)



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1 Blackcurrant cordial (6)
4 Undergo (6)
7 Rush (4)
8 Hard-shelled fruit (8)
9 Cheaper than standard (3,5)
12 GPs (3)
15 Hired killer (6)
16 Keeps away from (6)
17 Fine larva (3)
19 Scalp scales (8)
24 Tearful tale (3,5)
25 Delicatessen (4)
26 Muslim ruler (6)
27 Neck press (6)

DOWN
1 Set of principles (4)
2 Bigfoot (9)
3 Cub unit leader (5)
4 Male succession law (5)
5 Verifiable truth (4)
6 Mistake (5)
10 Crisscross weave (5)
11 Young eel (5)
12 Intravenous solutions (4,5)
13 Impudent talk (4)
14 Flightless bird (4)
18 Splash with water (5)
20 Supercilious (5)
21 Senior society member (5)
22 Soviet Russia (1,1,1,1)
23 Jewish homeland (4)

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FINDINGS

A series reporting on research

CHINA

Bitter taste of reality



"China stinks." This was an American visitor's terminal judgment last year, in staid *Harpers* magazine, on the world's oldest civilization. Eight years before, film star Shirley Maclaine had reacted differently about the People's Republic: "Serene, I said to myself, that's the word. Serene." "I saw China" books before Mao's death in 1976 usually breathed euphoria. Nowadays they spit bile.

What has precipitated this reverse? Probably, and ironically, China's relatively greater openness since Mao's death. Earlier visitors, like Maclaine, David Rockefeller, and Felix Greene were shielded from the *horrors of the Cultural Revolution* by the lies of their guides. Now travellers are permitted somewhat more mobility and occasional informal contact. And the Chinese press has become more truthful.

Perhaps the greatest turnaround has been in the evaluation of the late Chairman Mao, a shift legitimized by the Communist Party's own 1981 Resolution on his "tragic errors" of the Cultural Revolution

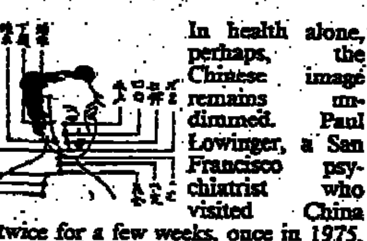
Abortion threat

Until recently information about China's peasantry – 80 per cent of the population – was scarce. Foreign academics were allowed brief "study trips" into the countryside, and journalists were lucky to get a day at a time on selected communes. Now Steven Mosher has written *Broken Earth: The rural Chinese* (available December Collier Macmillan), an account of his year (1979-80) in a southern village. Since leaving China three years ago, Mosher has been dismissed from Stanford's doctoral programme in anthropology for unspecified unprofessional conduct. Mosher contends that Stanford buckled under threats from Peking to stop all American academic exchanges unless he was severely disciplined for revealing details of a compulsory abortion drive which he witnessed.

The abortion reports in his book are indeed vivid, but what is more striking is Mosher's picture of a tradition-bound peasantry and its self-serving officials. He saw his neighbours worshipping their ancestors and the gods, and burying the dead and getting married on auspicious days. As for their officials, "the Chinese I spoke with insisted *that most cadres look out for their* own interests first, last, and always."

Hidden hierarchy

China's seemingly universal equality overwhelmed observers in the wide-eyed period. Harvard economist J. K. Galbraith wrote in *China passage* (1983). "Somewhere in the recesses of Chinese policy there may be a priveleged party and official hierarchy. Certainly it is the least *ostentatious ruling class in history*... clearly, there is very little difference between rich and poor." But the *New York Times* Fox Butterfield identified 24 bureaucratic grades each with its perks, a system never discussed in China, he said, "to help preserve the illusion of egalitarianism". Another veteran of Harvard Chinese studies, Richard Bernstein, who represented *Time* magazine in Peking in 1980 and 1981, asserts in *From the Centre of the Earth* (Hutchinson, 1983) that Chinese join the Party for "recognition, status, power... cars, travel, and better housing".



In health alone, perhaps, the Chinese image remains undimmed. Paul Lowinger, a San Francisco psychiatrist who visited China twice for a few weeks, once in 1975, and again four years later, and social pysychologist Martha Livingston, are both "turned on by China" (as they say), and write about its mental health in *The Minds of The Chinese People* (Prentice Hall, 1983).

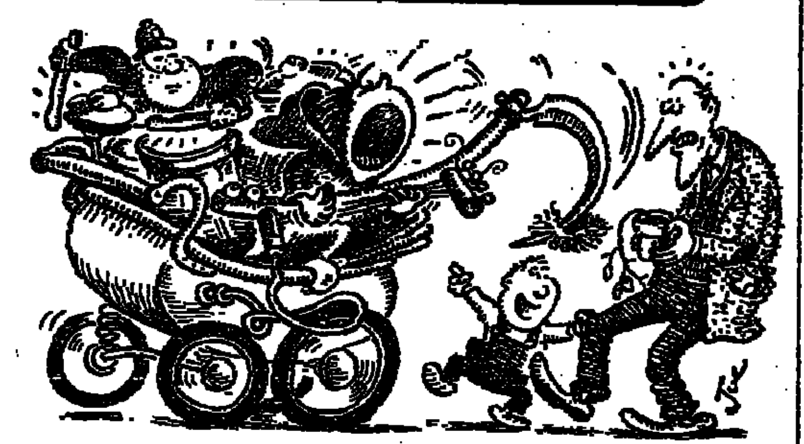
Sheila Hillier, a sociologist at the London Hospital and at Barts, and J. A. Jewell, a London GP – both China specialists – would agree. They have investigated the Chinese health system on visits spanning the years of enthusiasm and disillusion, and they take a long view in their forthcoming *Health care and traditional medicine in China: 1800-1982* (Routledge, September 1983). The People's Republic, they conclude, has provided and continues to provide comprehensive and thrifty health care for the masses.

Jonathan Mirsky

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY



I had always been under the impression that you could log the fleeing of your youth by the increasingly fresh complexions of policemen. This may be true, but a far more accurate guideline is the galloping juniority of rock groups. I write with confidence, since the band booked to play at the summer street party has an average age of 12. They are called Kandi and the Cassettes, and not even my colleague Richard Williams has heard of them. Yet.

I sense disaster. Not even before chemistry O-level did I have such intimations of failure. The schism that has dogged every meeting of the organizing committee will be reflected faithfully by a fiasco on Saturday. Strange how catastrophe has a kind of scent. It infuses the air with tension, and seems to spook the children as though they were thoroughbred stallions before a prairie storm. If I weren't such a coward, I would boycott the occasion. After all, there is ample precedent in the Street Radical's snubbing of both the Jubilee and Royal Wedding festivities. On the second occasion his children actually sported tiny sandwich boards with the slogan, "Monarchy is a celebration of mediocrity". That may be true for all I know, but how terrible to foist such knowing phraseology on political innocents. Perhaps I should come up with an apt riposte. What about: "Street parties are a communal affirmation of autocracy"? No.

Reggae music is drifting across the street in broken measures. A woman's voice is riding high over the beat, wailing venomously: "De Queen she nothin' but a painted doll". But the voice does not belong to a Jamaican, nor, strictly speaking, to a woman. It comes from the larynx of Kandi, vocalist with the Cassettes and, so it is rumoured, winner of a scholarship to one of London's public schools for girls: She is scarcely pubescent, as sparrow-boned as Piaf in her decline, pale as a ghost, with black springs of Afro-permed hair. All round the garage walls are younger children, my own daughter included, mesmerized by the angular act of this *gamine*.

It had to happen; daughterial demand for "a proper guitar, with wire coming out of it". I offer the usual return of service: "I can't afford it", and back comes the now customary stop-volley: "Then get some more money out of the wall." (A reference to the NatWest service till.)

Bobsy Marshall "drops by", ostensibly to "liaise" about Saturday but really to do a Mary Whitehouse over the corruptive properties of Kandi and the Cassettes.

She "drops by" again, demanding access to the following: (a) full lyrics of the Cassettes' intended programme at the party; (b) name, address and occupation of Kandi's father; (c) a copy of the local authority music licence for Saturday. As if I should possess any of these. The trouble about such childless busy-bodies is that their caring instincts invariably manifest themselves in blanket censorship. My inner voice suggests she take an acid bath at her earliest convenience, but my outer one refers her to Parvis Maitland. A worse fate by far.

The party is upon us; so too is the world and its wife (by which I mean the Maitlands, the Petranellas, the Street Radicals) and its token pensioners, the cats Fidel and Raoul. Morgan Prewitt is of course in attendance, being bribed by his mother into near-tranquillity with a stream of confectionery. If he is quiet, that is only because he is seeking out the most strategic spot at which to throw a Morgasm. Even Caetano the window-smearer and Magnus the roof-burner have turned up – touting for trade I suppose. Kandi, quite repressing the classical scholar within her, is singing: "Gonna take me pistol to de palace". Someone is fiddling with the jackplugs in the pre-amp. It is Bobsy Marshall, trying to diconnect the band for the good of the community. My son at once slaps in a parity bid for "a proper guitar with wires coming out of it". Suddenly it seems so much more effective than conventional arms.

'A woman's place is in the House'

People in their early forties are, nowadays, very fashionable, politically speaking. So it was a chic move on the part of Mrs Thatcher (58 tomorrow) to appoint Emma Nicholson, at "forty-one and eleven twelths", a smidgin younger than party chairman, John Gummer, as vice-chairman in charge of women.

Emma Nicholson is the daughter of Sir Godfrey Nicholson, a former Tory MP, and a grand-daughter of an earl. One of her sisters is married to a Foreign Office minister, Richard Luce, and another to Sir John Montgomery Cuninghame. Emma wears Jaeger-ish clothes and lives in a prettily cluttered Belgravia mews house. So far, so identikit Tory Lady. She departs from the stereotype in that she was one of the first women in the country to work in computer technology and in always, unswervingly, putting her career first.

"When I first started work, I found that none of the men I met was at all interested in my job. If I'd had a broader variety of friends then, perhaps, I would have met men who weren't so dismissive, but I didn't. I couldn't fit myself into the straitjacket that was all that seemed to be offered to me; I felt that I wanted to learn more."

"So I had to give up the idea of marriage although, obviously, I'm very sorry not to have had children. As compensation, I have always worked terribly hard at friendships."

Graduating from the Royal Academy of Music with not quite enough talent to become a professional musician, she decided that the new field of computer technology sounded challenging. Vocational guidance experts told her that computer companies were unlikely to hire a music graduate who'd given up mathematics for ever at the age of eight. "I was so angry, I looked up 'computers' in the telephone directory and persuaded ICL to give me a test." She passed and began a tough training that became easier once she discovered similarities between music and computing and worked through problems "by applying fugal analysis."

Five years ago, she joined the Save the Children Fund to help with forward planning and is now Director of Fund Raising – "a more elegant term for chief professional beggar."

As an MP's daughter, she opted into politics early. "I have always seen it as the thing that mattered in achieving change for other people and the way to get a wrong put right." In 1979, she contested the Labour stronghold of Blyth in Northumberland, the first woman to do so. She lost the fight but won the highest ever Conservative vote.

John Voos



Emma Nicholson: down the pits for votes

She sees her present political role as "a kind of constituency task, the 'constituency' being women's votes. I want to make the Conservative Party the natural one for women to join".

I said that this Government has been blamed for making women's lives more difficult. Cuts in the social services, nursery provision and care for the elderly and a back to the kitchen sink philosophy hardly made the Conservative Party the women's one.

Emma Nicholson said that she didn't expect her job to be easy. "If you want a soft life, you wouldn't choose to go into politics. It was tough getting the miners' vote in Blyth. But I went down the mines and came up with some of their votes. This is not a marshmallow exercise."

What's needed, she feels, are more women candidates but the problem is the average woman's impossibly stretched timetable. "They're either so busy working their way up the career path or bringing up children or both that they don't have enough mental space to be as involved in politics as I should like them to be.

"Anyone who sits around whining because a woman isn't in a particular position doesn't understand the meaning of the Sex Discrimination Act. Until we get parity in the number of people who apply for jobs, we can't complain about unequal selection. The way to get more women in Parliament is to give selection committees the widest possible choice of candidates."

Well, yes, of course. But selection committees have been offered Emma Nicholson, a woman of intelligence, enthusiasm and an aptitude for hard work. Had she been a man, did she think that by now, she might have been selected for a winnable seat? "Oh yes", she said. "There are no two ways about *that*."

Penny Perrick

THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole

Here is the task. Prepare a dish for eight based on two young guinea fowl weighing just over a kilo each. Three garnishes – not in the sprig-of-parsley sense, but the classic French cuisine meaning of formal assemblies of accompanying vegetables and the like – are mandatory. Truffles and caviar are the only forbidden ingredients, but nothing may be prepared or cooked in advance of the four hours allotted for the job.

Ah yes. Your efforts must be set out on a silvered dish of vast expanse and placed before six judges, among them chefs of long experience and distinction. Then, when its presentation has been noted, the dish will be tasted and the balance of its flavours, textures and seasoning savoured or suffered.

Nine ambitious young chefs from hotels and restaurants up and down the country exercised their skills within these limits at the Dorchester in London last week. The occasion was a quarter-final of the Prix Taittinger, and it produced two semi-finalists, Herbert Berger of the Connaught Hotel, and Arthur Bukalo of the Inigo Jones restaurant in London, who will take on the competition from all over Europe in Paris later this month.

It was a marvellous day to be given fly-on-the-wall licence to watch the cooking, the judging and all the backstairs bustle. The recipe which follows cannot be attributed to one or several of the chefs whose work was so very enjoyable. Too few of us have access to fresh *foie gras* for Herbert Berger's puff pastry parcels of breast of guinea fowl with foie gras and savoy cabbage to be a practical proposition. But the idea is so attractive, and so easily adapted to pheasant and other game birds, or even chicken, that I have done just that – adapted it.

Whether you make one guinea fowl feed two or four people will depend on how much additional stuffing goes into each parcel and the other constituents of the meal as well as the size of the birds themselves.

Breast of guinea fowl in puff pastry
Serves four

- 1 or 2 guinea fowl, about 1kg (2lb 3oz) each
- Onion, carrot, celery and bouquet garni for stock
- 225g (8oz) chicken or duck livers
- 300ml (½ pint) milk
- 110g (4oz) clarified or fresh butter
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons port
- 1 tablespoon cognac
- 1 shallot or small onion, finely chopped
- 225g (8oz) fresh mushrooms, chanterelles, ceps or large buttons
- 450g (1lb) puff pastry, homemade or bought
- 1 egg yolk

For the sauce

- 1 pint lightly seasoned guinea fowl or chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons port
- 150ml (¼ pint) double cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cut the legs off the guinea fowl and use them either for stock or for another dish. Carefully cut the breast meat in one piece from each side, removing the skin and cutting away the white sinew. Set it aside.

Chop the carcass and put it in a large pot with the vegetables and *bouquet garni*. Cover with water, bring to the boil, skim, season lightly and simmer for an hour or more.

Carefully pick over the chicken or duck livers (calves liver is another possibility in the absence of foie gras) removing all the stringy bits and any patches of greenish or yellow staining. Cover the livers with milk and leave them to soak for at least an hour, or for several in the refrigerator if you have time. Soaking in milk softens the flavour of the livers and draws out some blood, making them paler too.

Heat about two tablespoons of the clarified butter in a heavy frying or sauté pan and add the lightly seasoned breast meat. Cook it gently and lightly without allowing it to brown. Remove it as soon as you judge it is cooked but still a little pink in the middle. Set it aside to cool.

Dry the livers well. Add a little more butter to the pan and sauté them briefly, without browning, until they are firm enough to slice. Remove then from the pan and pour off the fat. Add the brandy and port to the pan, stir briefly to dissolve the meat juices and quickly pour off and keep the liquid.

Wipe the pan clean and heat the remaining butter. Fry the shallot or onion until it is tender but not browned. Slice the mushrooms quite thickly and add them to the pan. Cook and season them lightly, drain and set them aside to cool.

Carve the cooked guinea fowl across the grain into neat slices. Slice the livers too into pieces of about the same thickness. Place slices of liver between slices of meat to make up groups of slices in the shape of the original breast meat.

Roll out the puff pastry very thinly. Cut four pieces of pastry the same tear-shape and size the meat filling. Cut another four pieces the same shape but about 2.5cm (1in) bigger all round.

Divide the mushroom mixture between the four larger pieces of pastry, placing it in a heap in the centre. Now arrange the sliced meat and liver on top. Moisten it with a little of the fortified pan juices. Turn in the edges of the pastry loosely over the filling. Dampen the exposed edges and top with a smaller piece of pastry. Form each of the packets in the same way, then invert them on to a dampened baking sheet so that the joins are out of sight underneath. Decorate with pastry trimmings and chill them for at least half an hour before baking.

Just before baking them paint the tops with a glaze of egg yolk mixed with a tablespoon of water and bake in a preheated hot oven (220°C/425°F, gas mark 7) for about 20 minutes, or until puffed and golden.

Serve immediately with a sauce made by reducing the strained stock to about 150ml (¼ pint), adding the port and cream, and reducing and seasoning the mixture to taste.

If you thought a ram was only of interest to sheep, read on.

A.

ASCII: Pronounced 'Askey', it stands for American Standard Code for Information Interchange. This international code lays down the binary numbers (0s and 1s) which represent each letter, symbol or number that you can type into a computer. Without ASCII, computers wouldn't be able to talk to each other.

B.

Back-up: The procedure for making copies of vital data in case of fire, flood or coffee damage. Systematic copying and secure storage of information is vital – business depends on it.

BASIC: A computer language conceived to make life easier for novice computer programmers. It stands for Beginners All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code. BASIC has gone on to become the most widely used programming language for microcomputers.

Binary: Computers use a rather similar code to Morse, which has dots and dashes. Some people might actually call it 'a binary asynchronous communications protocol.' But to put it simply binary means two – just two bits of code are used, just like dots and dashes.

Bit: Having grasped the complex mathematics of 'binary' you'll wonder what to call a 'dot' or a 'dash.' It's simple enough – bit.

Buffer: The place in a computer's memory where you put data before processing it.

Bug: A program error. Coined by early computniks who found that insects played havoc with the workings of their huge machines.

Byte: Short for 'by eight,' normally a group of eight bits which contains enough information to represent an ASCII number, letter or symbol.

bug

C.

Character: Any symbol that can be displayed on a computer.

COBOL: The grandad of computer languages and widely used until the arrival of microcomputers *en masse* a few years ago. COBOL, or Common Business Oriented Language, is used by most mainframe and mini-computers. It's been criticised for being too cumbersome (no computer language pleases everyone) but some micros now run it.

Command Driven: A software package controlled by special command words keyed in by the user. Not for novices, who work better with menu driven programs.

CPU: The Central Processing Unit is the heart of any computer. It controls the other units and applies arithmetic and logic to the data fed in.

Cursor: When typing onto a computer screen you need a way of seeing where you are. The cursor tells you where the next thing you type will appear or indicates characters you wish to delete or move.

D.

Daisy Wheel Printer: Produces high-quality typing. The printing head resembles a daisy, with preformed characters at the end of spokes. The Merlin printer produces up to 700 words a minute in a variety of typefaces.

daisy wheel

Data Management: For business micros. Allows users to maintain files of information either as a simple electronic card index, or as a more exotic enquiry system, able to extract facts and figures and print them out as reports.

Disk: Computer memory is expensive, disks are cheap. A computer can make magnetic marks on a £5 disk and can store 100,000 words. To keep the same amount inside the computer, you'd need a memory costing the best part of £1,000. Disks are also small and light: a 5 inch disk can be sent by post.

Dot Matrix Printer: One of the ways of printing out results from your computer. A dot matrix printer has a battery of pins which create characters from a pattern of dots.

E.

Eight-Bit or Sixteen-Bit: The computer industry's answer to 'horsepower.' You don't need to know how many bits a computer has. What matters is 'can it do the accounts?' and 'how many people can use it at the same time?'

Electronic Mail: Services such as Telecom Gold which allow computer terminals to dial up over the telephone network to consult personal electronic mailboxes.

F.

Footprint: The space taken up on a desktop by a microcomputer or terminal. Some machines currently on the market have rather big feet.

footprint

G. H.

GIGO: Garbage In, Garbage Out. All too often computer errors are not the machine's fault but the operator's.

Hardware: The mechanical, electronic and plastic bits and pieces of a computer.

SCRAP

garbage

I.

Input/Output (I/O): Input is the information fed into a computer. Output is the information produced by the computer.

Interactive: Computers operate on information in different ways. They may be programmed to store up data and programs and to work on them at a given time: this is batch processing. Or they may be required to respond at once – interactive computing. All microcomputers are interactive.

IPSS: International Packet Switched Service. British Telecom's international computer data transmission service.

K. L.

K: Literally, a thousand. In the computer world there are actually 1024 bytes in a K or Kilobyte (not many people know this – not many people need to).

Language: The native language of a computer is the morse code of the binary system, but writing programs in binary is far too cumbersome and long-winded. So, computers have high level languages like BASIC and COBOL which are more like English and describe the work we want to do.

Programs are written in these languages and then translated into binary or machine codes.

I TALK BASIC

language

M.

Memory: A measure of the power of a computer is its memory capacity. A typical £100 home computer holds about 1,000 characters in its memory – barely enough for a letter.

Something like Merlin's office microsystem (with space for nearly 250,000 characters) can hold a couple of sequels to The Winds of War, and let the accountant run his payroll program at the same time.

Menu: To make life easier, many programs ask the operator what he wants to do. They present alternatives – a menu. The MerlinMaster menu program, a feature of the M2200 series, presents you with a list of alternatives. In plain English.

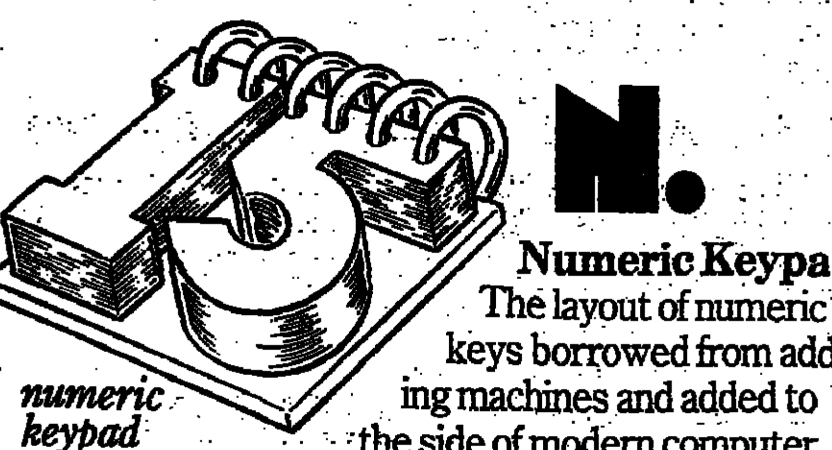
Microspace Justification: A feature of better quality printers that allows printing to look as good as typeset text, with words stretched evenly across the full width of the column.

Modem: Short for modulator/demodulator. It enables you to attach your computer to a telephone line, translating computer signals into those used by the telephone network.

Merlin is the biggest supplier of modems in the country.

Multi-user: Merlin's M2235 microcomputer is powerful enough to support the work of more than one terminal at a time.

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Numeric Keypad: The layout of numeric keys borrowed from adding machines and added to the side of modern computer keyboards. Allows rapid input of figures, given the right fingertips.

numeric keypad



Operating System: The operating system keeps track of all those bits and bytes. It tells your machine how to start working and how to interpret any instructions you give it.

Peek: The command you give the computer to move information out of its memory.

Peripherals: The printers, disk drives, keyboards and so on which enable information and programs to be fed in and out of a computer.

Poke: The command you give the computer to move information into its memory.

Port: Point inside a computer where a connection can be made between its processor and peripherals outside the machine.

poke



Qwerty: The classic typewriter keyboard is known by the six letters on the top left hand keys: QWERTY.

RAM: For a computer to work, it has to run a program which has to be inside the computer. It probably takes about 10,000 code words, and they are fed, one at a time, to the central code processor, which the computer is best left to do by itself (it can read its own memory circuits the way you can read a newspaper story).

It can read any memory circuit it likes, at random. That's why it's called 'Random Access' Memory. However, it isn't random. It's fast, direct access. (See ROM).

Report Generator: A program designed to let you select and lay out information that has been produced by the computer.

ROM: Coded information stored in computer memory just evaporates when the computer is switched off. But computers need to be told what to do next time they're turned on. This information is stored in wires. Very fine wires. 100,000 on each chip. The computer can read the codes, but it can't change them. They're called Read-Only Memory – ROM.

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RS232: An electrical standard devised for 25-pin plugs and sockets used to link up computers with printers, plotters, modems, and each other.

S.

Serial: When bits are transmitted in a stream down a single wire they're serially transmitted. A parallel bit stream involves sending bits over a number of wires simultaneously.

Software: Refers to all programs which are run on computer hardware. Some software is fed in on tapes and disks, some remains stored permanently on the computer's memory.

There are two types of software; applications software does the work and systems software keeps the computer in line.

software

Spreadsheet: Financial planning aid that's a clever computerisation of the sheet of paper, pencil, calculator, and rubber.

The first low-cost spreadsheet was introduced in 1978, and was important in making microcomputers respectable tools for today's business.

T.

Teletext: Television based system that displays publicly broadcast information.



Addenda

Some new or rarely used words, not in everyday use.

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Telex: The national and international text communication network. Merlin is the biggest supplier of micro-processor based telex terminals in the UK. Both the Merlin M2200 series computers and M3300 word processor can be linked to the telex network.



User Friendly: A claim made by software sellers. Often promised, seldom delivered.



Viewdata: System developed by British Telecom for sending computer data by telephone line for display on low-cost modified television sets and other terminals.

VDU: Visual Display Unit is jargon for the screen attached to your computer.



Wild Card: Facility to allow you to find the information you want when you're not quite sure what you're looking for. Asking for Jok might produce records with Jock and Jockstrap, as well as Joke.

Winchester Disk: There are two types of disk, floppy and hard. Of the two, the hard disk in its sealed container is able to hold much more information which is loaded into it from cassettes or tapes.

A compact hard disk unit often found in microcomputers is called a Winchester.

wild card

Z.

Zap: When you correct a fault inside the computer's memory by altering its signals you 'Zap' it.

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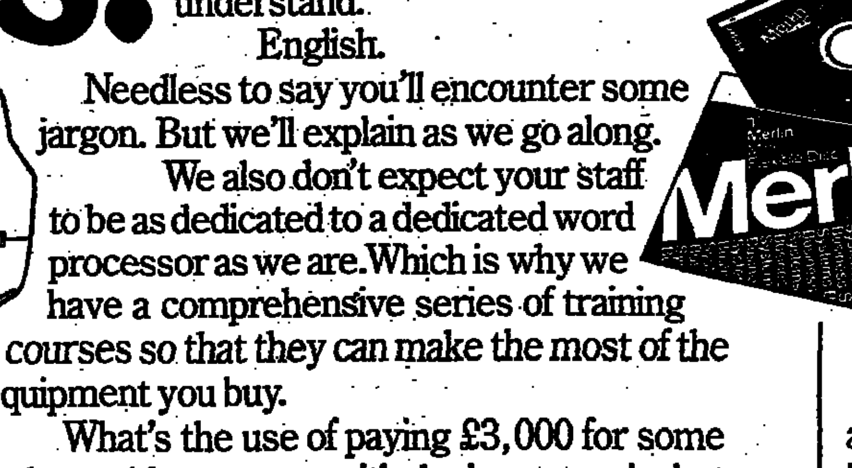
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We also don't expect your staff to be as dedicated to a dedicated word processor as we are. Which is why we have a comprehensive series of training courses so that they can make the most of the equipment you buy.

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Someone had to make it simpler.



THE TIMES DIARY

Parkinson show

Contrary of the belief of amused Conservative delegates in Blackpool yesterday, the light aircraft trailing the banner "Don't sack Cecil" over the conference centre was not hired by the beleaguered Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. The Cessna 125, which flew for an hour over the area, was piloted by the eccentric Brian Bateson, the local man responsible for flying the message "The Kremlin sends congratulations" over the heads of the Greenham Common women earlier this year. Bateson, aged 43, director and chief flying instructor of Blackpool and Fylde Aeroclub, said: "Mr Parkinson needs support and it was about time someone did something about it."

Rum do

The annual public relations razzamatazz surrounding today's launch of the Lamb's Navy Rum calendar has suffered an inauspicious start. Poor David Bailey, who sweated around the French Polynesian island of Bora-Bora for several weeks taking photographs of dusky maidens, complained yesterday of the "tasteless" design of the invitations. Printed on an 18in long strip of 35mm transparency and delivered in a plastic film tub, they depict various under-dressed ladies accompanied by the caption "A personal invitation for you to get close up to the first exposure of the new 1984 . . . ", etc. "They're ghastly and absolutely nothing to do with me or Lamb's", stormed Bailey.

Sentimental agent

The new Sean Connery movie was premiered in Hollywood the other evening. It is not that most awaited 1960s revival, his return as James Bond in *Never Say Never*, for which he received a reported $3m, but a short film on his home town of Edinburgh, for which he received no fee at all. However, he does retrace Bond's footsteps by going up the steps of Fettes College, the Eton of the north and the alma mater chosen by Ian Fleming for his unshaken and seldom stirred hero. Connery himself had a more modest education elsewhere in Edinburgh before graduating to the horse and cart of the dairy in Fountainbridge.

Slow starter

Is the youthful-looking Bamber Gascoigne's comfortable reign as chairman of Granada's *University Challenge* coming to an end? The future of the programme, in its 21st year, is threatened by the decision of London Weekend Television not to include the new series in its schedules when it begins on October 23. LWT says it no longer has the air time to give the quiz a regular slot. Likewise Thames Television has decided not to displace another network programme to place it. So Londoners will no longer witness Gascoigne (Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge Scholar), aged 48, calling for starters for 10.

Granada's programme controller, Michael Scott, said LWT's decision is sad and will probably have a knock-on effect. But no one need worry about Gascoigne, who has many writing and publishing interests.

BARRY FANTONI



"But will he still be able to use his pass?"

Change of tone

Stanley Black may have misunderstood the arts for the proletariat policy of the Greater London Council when he arrived to conduct the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in the body plant canteen at Ford's Dagenham works yesterday. The concert was part of lefty GLC arts chairman Tony Banks's scheme to encourage performers to take themselves out of the better known cultural centres and provide intellectual refreshment for the workers. On arrival at Ford's desert in the midst of industrial Essex, Black asked a bemused official: "Where's my room?"



We all know Norman Fowler is under siege over health and social security cuts. But did he have to bring in the Army? Dr John Spackman, aged 51, is to be the new director of operational strategy in the DHSS on a £31,000-a-year salary. His current job, with the rank of brigadier, is running the computers in the Army's supply system, and he is said to have many years' experience in controlling large high technology projects in the MoD and Nato. Perhaps Norman is planning to make the Treasury.

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Jobless: Prior's grim forecast

Government economic policy has again been attacked by a number of senior Conservatives, among them John Biffen, Leader of the House, and Francis Pym, former Foreign Secretary. In the last Parliament, one of the Government's most persistent critics from within its own ranks was James Prior, Employment Secretary until becoming Secretary for Northern Ireland. Yet he has remained on the Cabinet's key "E" Committee, which formulates economic policy. In an interview with George Brock and Nicholas Wapshott, he began by explaining his sometimes awkward position in the Conservative Party



Prior: I think one of the extraordinary things about my position is that I have been regarded by the Conservative Party ever since 1974 as a person who was seeking a compromise and a way of uniting people, whether it be trade unionists or whoever, and I presume that that was one of the reasons why in the end I was sent to Northern Ireland. There may have been other reasons as well, but that was one of them. And yet I suppose I have been the subject of almost more controversy in the views that I held than any other leading politician in the party.

I sometimes think my opponents can't have it both ways. They can't say to me, "You're a compromiser" on the one hand and then on the other hand, "You are always leading revolts against the leadership". The fact of the matter is that those who have tended to take my point of view – the so-called wets, if one has to give them a name – haven't perhaps given as much credit to the supply-siders as the dries have deserved for what they have accomplished.

And I don't think the dries have given much credit to the wets both for what they have sought to achieve in retaining those values of compassion and understanding which have always been a part of the Conservative Party. And also our desire to accept a large degree of radical reform. I don't think we do ourselves any good by continuing the argument in the barren way that it has been conducted in the past few years.

But are the main arguments about the fundamental nature and logic of the Government's economic policy over?

Prior: I think there is far less argument about that now than there was. I don't see nowadays the constant reiteration of money supply being the only thing that matters that one saw five, six, seven years ago. I don't see the constant reiteration that supply side economics can put everything right that I did a few years ago. On the other hand, I have to say that on my side of the party there is a much greater realization that there are limitations on the amount of money that one can actually pump in.

Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the economy now?

Prior: I am certainly more optimistic than I was. I think the recovery has been patchy and I am still deeply worried about the level of unemployment, but certainly I think that there is a much greater realization in management and on the shop floor about what we have to do. I see no reason why we shouldn't achieve reasonable levels of growth, and I am glad that interest rates have come down, and I am glad that the pound has fallen in value.

Looking back over the years, I think one of my difficulties with the policy as it was originally enunciated was the high interest rate, high exchange rate policy. I think that the policy which we have pursued for the past few years has been very reasonable. I think that the relaxations have helped stimulate in a sensible way while at the same time keeping a tight control over public borrowing.

I have always been an optimist. But I don't think that the world is going to get back into the massive growth rates of the Fifties and Sixties and we do have to face up to the fact that as an old country we have become uncompetitive in many aspects. We are facing the full flood of competition from the labour market-oriented economies of the Far East and we face the problems of technology. I don't believe that simply pumping money into the economy at the rate the Labour Party suggests as a means of reducing unemployment would work. I don't think that even Keynes would be favouring a massive increase in public expenditure.

Therefore I think we have to recognize that unemployment as measured in a conventional sense is going to remain high in Western society and therefore you have to be, thinking the whole time of new ways of seeking to tackle the problems of unemployment and new ways of presenting the fact.

How long do you expect the present high levels of unemployment will last?

Prior: I have to say that for the whole of this decade we are going to be faced with a very difficult unemployment problem and I don't believe we are going to be able to solve the problem by simply, on the one hand pumping in vast sums of money, or on the other relying on the economy through changes on the supply side to bring about a transformation.

We shall have to do very well over the next few years to decrease unemployment by the methods which have proved successful in the past and I think that we have got to think of new ways of doing so. I don't think that we should be ashamed of saying what the debate is about, but one shouldn't put it in such a way that one is being callous about it.

Do you think that the Government has appeared too hard-hearted?

Prior: I think that it would be unfair to suggest that the Government is hard-hearted. There are elements in the Conservative Party who regard some of us as soffies and that they are the only ones who are prepared to accept the hard arguments. I am quite prepared to put across very hard arguments and talk very toughly on things like wage increases and the need for greater efficiency and so on.

Yet at the same time I recognize that there are vast numbers of people in Britain who are intensely patriotic and proud of what they are doing but don't actually aspire to greatness in society; they just want to go about their ordinary daily task and live with their families in reasonable conditions. They have just as much dignity and deserve just as much respect as those who are able to be the front-runners in society.

Sometimes I think that we tend, for reasons of economics or because of our backgrounds, to think that everyone has got to be tremendously efficient and tremendously able and enterprising and so on. That isn't what society is made up of. I can play a part in putting forward our policies in a sensible, reasonable, understanding way. Sometimes we don't always do so.

If the Government does not deliberately soften its image, will it not be vulnerable to David Owen and the SDP?

Prior: I think that Dr Owen's tactics may be the correct ones for him, which makes it even more important that people like myself should be seen to be playing a major part in the Conservative Party, not shirking the difficult decisions but seeking to explain them and showing the compassionate side. Compassion is a word that I am in no way ashamed of using.

I have represented a predominantly working class constituency all my time in Parliament and I could never have been elected unless vast numbers of very decent, ordinary working class people had not voted me in. Now, they don't resent the fact that I had a public school education. They don't resent the fact that I am a member of Bupa or what have you. They know all these things. They know I live in a bigger house than most of them and that I have a farm. They still vote for me. I sometimes wonder why, but they still vote for me.

Are you not open to charges of disloyalty to the Prime Minister to open up a wider debate about unemployment and the economy?

Prior: I don't think I have said anything on this subject in this interview which has been in any way disloyal to the Prime Minister. Therefore, if I can say what I have just said without it in any way being disloyal to the Prime Minister, I don't see why there shouldn't be a very considerable debate on it. I think it could achieve a great deal for us.

We have to understand on my side of the party the necessity for pretty tough measures and I think the other side of the party has to understand that if those measures are going to succeed and you are going to build a decent society then you not only have to explain what you are doing but you have to help in every way that you can. It's something we ought to be able to do in a second period of government.

It has been said that you are bored with your job as Ulster Secretary and would like another job. Is that so?

Prior: No, it's totally untrue. If I were bored by the job I certainly wouldn't have told Mrs Thatcher that I was keen to go back after the election. I was extremely keen to go back, because I felt that I had started something in the Assembly, albeit something that was going to take time, and I wished to go back in a position where the Secretary of State didn't have to begin all over again.

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Shelve this costly library plan

For the first time in a decade I have managed to forgo the pleasures of the party conference. Not for me Sir Ian Gilmour on The Strange Death of Tory England, the exchange with the Fourth Estate of scabrous gossip (in the cause of public morality) about the private lives of senior ministers, and advice from Julian Critchley about appropriate epithets for the Prime Minister. My guess is that, notwithstanding the interesting advance speculation, it will all turn out to be pretty much the victory celebration that it ought to be. But even if I am wrong and the journalists enjoy some of the infighting that they largely missed at Brighton, I shall shed no tears for my absence.

Instead I have been giving thought to next week's confrontation in Cabinet on next year's spending plans. We are told that Peter Rees, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is still about £1¼ billion short of his target for economies. If it is not too late, I would like to remind him of one candidate which seems so far to have escaped his attention. I refer to the British Library.

For those who have not followed the story so far, Shirley Williams approved in 1978, and Norman St John-Stevas endorsed in 1980, a plan to build a brand new British Library on a 9½-acre site next door to Euston Station. Since then the Prince of Wales has laid a foundation stone, and the bulldozers have got to work. But there are rumblings of discontent within the arts establishment. Professor Hugh Thomas – Lord Thomas, head of the Centre for Policy Studies and one of the Prime Minister's trusted advisers – has mustered a formidable lobby of supporters, ranging from Sir Karl Popper to Lord Kaldor, from Sir John Betjeman to Iris Murdoch, in defence of the existing British Museum Reading Room in Bloomsbury, and produced a cheaper plan.

Lord Thomas and his friends are primarily motivated by allegiance to the Reading Room. So they want to use the Euston Road site as a giant storehouse for all the books the Reading Room cannot accommodate. This would be linked to Bloomsbury by an underground railway which, they are advised, would cost £2m to build. The whole thing, they estimate, would cost "not much more than" the £88m (in 1981 prices) earmarked for just the first stage of the official plan. By contrast the official scheme, when complete, was estimated to cost £164m in 1977. Lord Thomas thinks that should be amended to more than £300m by now, and reckons that if we proceed, the final bill will not show much change from £600m.

I am sure he is right about that. However, having read his persuasive pamphlet published soon after the general election, I wonder whether the Treasury might not wisely take advantage of the present disarray in the groves of academe and scrap the whole thing altogether.

The justification for this huge piece of public works – apart from the natural inclination of all institutions to get themselves a monument – is that all the books the Reading Room cannot accommodate (and it is supposed to receive a copy of every book published) have to be shipped off to dim and distant Woolwich, whence it takes all of 24 hours to collect them for would-be readers; that the Reading Room can no longer accommodate all those who require to use it; and that in this day and age it is nothing short of a scandal that we do not have a custom-built, properly air-conditioned sanctuary for the national archive.

Now, according to Lord Thomas and his allies, if it was true that the Reading Room was short of seats back in the 1960s, that is not the case today. Still, I suppose 24 hours is an unconscionable time to wait for the volume of one's choice; and while the nation's stock of books has muddled on for 200 years without the benefit of proper air-conditioning, now that such scientific aids to preservation are on offer, our descendants might say thank-you to us for making use of them. But for £88m? Let alone £600m?

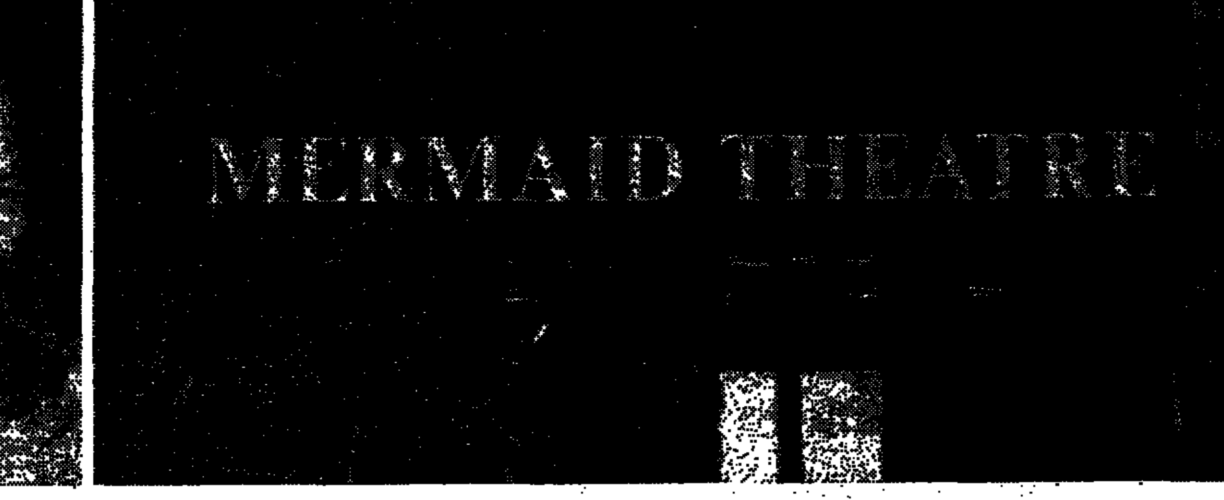
Nor is it just the capital cost which should terrify the Treasury. There is also the little matter of the running costs. Fifteen years ago the component bodies which are due to form the British Library limped along, it seems, with a payroll of 550. Last year this had grown to 1,300. The smart new palace on the Euston Road will apparently need 2,500 to keep it ticking over.

We have it on the authority of John Biffen that the Tory party traditionally respects the role of public institutions. So be it. But here we have a brand new one which, if Lord Thomas is correct, *no one* wants. They could even sell the Euston Road site outright and credit that against the PSBR for 1984.

Lord Bruce-Gardyne was Economic Secretary to the Treasury in Mrs Thatcher's last government.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now





Ray Buckton, shunted in to stage-manage the purchase of a theatre on the rocks

Enter left, brandishing rulebook

You will hardly believe this – I found it difficult to credit myself – but, not content with the newspaper and the bank that they intend to found and run (both of which wonderfully lunatic projects I have recently discussed here), the trade unions are now proposing to buy and manage a theatre.

The theatre is the Mermaid, which is unfortunately now for sale after falling into financial difficulties. Mr Abdul Shamji and his firm, Gomba, had made a bid for it, but the union consortium (Municipal and Boilermakers, TGWU, Nalgo and Nupe) has now entered the auction, and may yet snatch the prize from beneath Mr Shamji's nose, particularly if they can get their bank founded in time to advance the cash for the purchase; the question of arranging for favourable reviews of the plays in the TUC's newspaper can presumably wait for a bit, but the money might be a little shy if they approached ordinary sources of finance, if only because those in the business of advancing risk capital have probably noticed that most of our union leaders cannot run a union, never mind a newspaper or a bank, and Mr Ray Buckton, who is apparently in charge of the project, has not hitherto been known as an expert either on drama itself or the successful business management of playhouses and productions, or on anything else much, for that matter. So Messrs Codron and White, Hall and Nunn are probably not contemplating suicide at the thought of the new competition putting them out of business, and anyone who has read Hall's recently published *Diaries* will recall the effects of union action in his case, which was to bring the National Theatre to the very edge of closure and ruin and persuade Hall to vote Conservative for the first time in his life.

There is something wonderfully touching in the dottiness of this recent passion among the unions for venturing into areas of enterprise which require huge sums of money (and enormous reserves of specialized skills, none of which they severe financial straits already – indeed, one or two are not far from insolvency – and this state of affairs is almost certainly about to become, abruptly, much worse, following the ruling that the sums advanced for the building of the new Labour Party headquarters should not have come from the unions' general funds. Part of the unions' money troubles can be attributed to the fact that unemployed members do not pay much in the way of subscriptions, and a general falling-off in the rate of recruitment has added to the decline in income, but most of the difficulty comes from good, old-fashioned incompetence, reflected in the appallingly high proportion of union funds that goes on administration – or bureaucracy, as the unions call it when they are attacking the government. Indeed, we have just seen a striking demonstration of the critical financial situation among the unions in the news that some of them – by no means all obscure or small ones – have been obliged, for the first time, to reduce the number of votes they buy at the Labour Party conference (they get exactly as many as they pay for – it is called an "affiliation fee", and the numbers affiliated have traditionally borne little resemblance to the numbers of those eligible to be affiliated).

And this is the movement that wants to run a newspaper, a bank and a theatre! For all I know, plans are already well advanced for the TUC to go into all sorts of other businesses – a chain of men's outfitters, say (foot-wide lapels guaranteed), or of grocery shops (no Chilean coffee sold), or a travel agency ("See the nightclubs of Moscow and the steel mills of East Germany – One-way tickets at fantastic discounts").

But a theatre? A *theatre*? Let us try to envisage the scene, literally as well as figuratively.

First of all, the name will have to go; Mermaid is far too frivolous, and there would certainly be complaints that it is sexist as well. The name of the union playhouse should reflect its ownership, its aims and the kind of thing to be found on its boards. How about The Proletariat? (I can see the advertising campaign already: "What's on at The Proletariat tonight, darling?") Or, if a more human touch is thought desirable, what about The Len Murray? Some of the possibilities are fully interchangeable with names that I helpfully proposed for the TUC's newspaper – The Reference Back, for instance, or The Composite Resolution; other ideas can be sought in the history of thisgreatmovementofours, such as The Peterloo Massacre, The Tolpuddle Martyrs or The Forty-Hour Week (some of these sound more like pubs than theatres, I admit, but that might not be a bad thing as far as enticing the customers is concerned).

Then there is the question of repertoire. Here I have to offer the new management a word of warning; if they imagine that all those earnest left-wing playwrights – Griffiths, Edgar, Hare, Brenton, Barker – are going to rush forward with their plays, proud to have them put on at The Death to Blacklegs, they are right, but if they think that the earnest left-wing playwrights in question, seized by comradely feelings, are going to waive their royalties, I fear that disappointment may soon be felt backstage at The Flying Picket.

Even plays which are out of copyright, and on which therefore no royalties are payable, will pose problems. Shakespeare will be banned for a start; his attitude to the working-class, particularly in *Julius Caesar*, *Henry VI, Part II* and *Coriolanus*, is lamentably reactionary, and if the TUC Folderols should mount a production of *Hamlet* they will have to cut Act V, Scene I, or risk having the place picketed by the Gravediggers' Union, understandably affronted by having their members portrayed as drunken workshies.

Nor does all that exhaust the have). Many of the unions, including some of the largest, are in very difficulties that face Binkie Buckton. Equity (which is, of course, affiliated to the TUC) has very strict rules about pay for actors in West End theatres, and its members are not permitted to accept less than the minimum figure their union lays down. What happens when The Block Vote runs into financial difficulties (about half an hour after opening, I imagine) such that not all the overdrafts of the TUC Bank, nor all the free advertising in the TUC Newspaper, will turn the tide? Requests for the cast to take a pay cut (besides coming ill from the TUC) will have to be refused, and even if the cast and their union could be persuaded, let them just try it on NATTKE (see the Hall diaries, *passim*).

It is useless to tell the union leaders that the cobbler (with, of course, permission from the National Association of Boot and Shoe Operatives) should stick to his last; the apparently implacable desire of the union movement to make a public idiot of itself thrice over – newspaper, bank, theatre – is clearly too strong, and moreover it has been making a public idiot of itself in the conduct of its own business for so long that its leaders presumably think that no further diminution of public esteem can take place. (Of course, they will probably lose their members' money in these enterprises, but I am sure their members will count it well lost for the fun they have had watching from the sidelines.)

Beaumont (the playwright, not the late theatrical impresario) had a word for it:

What things we have seen
Done at the Mermaid! heard words that have been
So nimble, and so full of subtil flame,
As if that every one from whence they came
Had meant to put his whole wit in a jest,
And had resolv'd to live a fool, the rest
Of his dull life.

❛If they think that all those earnest left-wing playwrights, seized by comradely feelings, are going to waive their royalties, I fear that disappointment may soon be felt backstage at The Flying Picket❜

James Curran

The Big Sister state rolls a little closer

The findings of the draft report into extreme right-wing penetration of the Conservative Party, produced by a committee of young Conservatives with the blessing of the former party chairman, raise uncomfortable questions about the direction in which the Tory party is turning.

It appears that not only have some people from the neo-Nazi fringe infiltrated the party but that some have actually stood as official Conservative candidates in general and local elections.

But, though this report will be gleefully pounced on by some socialist propagandists, neo-Nazis have, in reality, only an insignificant place within the Conservative Party. Far more frightening in many ways are the civilized and undeniably democratic members of the New Right, operating from such base camps as the Conservative Philosophy Group, the Social Affairs Unit and the Centre for Policy Studies, because they do occupy places of influence in the heartland of the Conservative Party.

A main thrust of their arguments, forcefully expressed within the élite echelons of their party, is that the role of the state needs to be strengthened rather than weakened in many areas of everyday life. As Maurice Cowling, an influential Conservative ideologue, argues in a seminal essay, "Authority should be the byword of freedoom."

The impact of these ideologues, and of the debilitating effects of the Irish question on British politics can be seen in a number of recent developments as well as proposals for the next session of Parliament. Taken together, they represent a significant lurch towards an authoritarian state.

In a move unprecedented in educational history, Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education, sought last month to lay down the parameters of correct thinking in schools. He told a joint council of the O-level and CSE boards, preparing the syllabus of the proposed common 16-plus examination, that reference should be omitted from the physics curriculum to "the social and economic issues which arise from scientific knowledge".

In the case of the history syllabus, Sir Keith demanded "Acknowledgement that one of the aims of studying history is to understand the development of the shared values which are a distinctive feature of British society."

If a socialist Education Secretary had the temerity to tell schools that "one of the aims of studying history is to understand the oppositional values which are a distinctive feature of the class struggle in British society", it would be no less objectionable. Politicians, left or right, should be discouraged from defining for teachers the ideological aims of the classroom.

Sir Keith's clumsy attempt at ideological engineering comes at a time when ideological scanning by the state has become more obtrusive. Just as plastic bullets were first tried out in Northern Ireland, then adopted by many police forces in Britain, so techniques of surveillance developed in the context of the Irish conflict are also being shipped across to Britain.

The recent experience of Mrs Madeleine Haigh, who, after writing a letter to her local paper opposing the siting of cruise missiles, received a visit from Special Branch officers claiming to investigate a mail-order fraud (a claim which later proved to be bogus) has received extensive press coverage as an exceptional case. But the National Council for Civil Liberties has shown me papers which suggest that the Special Branch has developed dossiers on many law-abiding citizens, from opponents of blood sports, people frequenting homosexual pubs, those involved in the admirable "melting pot" foundations in Brixton, to activists in the peace campaign. Confirmation that this surveillance has become excessive is provided by the symbolic decision of the Cornwall and Devon police taken last year to weed out a large number of Special Branch files on their local citizenry.

Yet, instead of seeking to roll back the frontiers of the state, the Government is actively extending its scope and range. Its proposed Police and Criminal Evidence Bill will extend the stop-and-search powers of the police force, and enable the detention of suspects for four days without charge. The supposedly temporary Prevention of Terrorism Act, hurriedly introduced after the Birmingham pub bombing in 1974, will be renewed in the next Parliament with its worst aspects intact. Even though only 2.1 per cent of 5,555 people arrested under its auspices have eventually been charged with offences under the Act, it will still be used to harass the Catholic Irish community in increasingly counter-productive intelligence-gathering exercises.

The Government also intends, in the next Parliament, to entrench the power of the centralized state in a way that is provoking opposition even from its most loyal supporters. Since 1501, local authorities have enjoyed the freedom to levy rates at whatever level they desired. This power now constitutes the one key area of decision-making left to local councils, already reduced by a series of centralizing measures to a minor, subaltern role. If this power is removed by central government *diktat*, as is being proposed, there will be little incentive for people to take part in local elections and still less scope for councillors to serve their constituents.

There was a time when conservatism was associated with getting central government off the backs of the people. This remains part of the rhetoric of platform speakers at the Conservative conference in Blackpool. But the rhetoric is now ceasing to connect with reality, as we move towards a Big Sister state.

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THE CRIME OF VIOLENCE

The motion for debate on the Conservative Party agenda is seldom the precise motion on which the minds, hearts and speeches of most of the Tory representatives are concentrated. It is usually one which maximizes agreement and minimizes dissent – which was the case with the motion yesterday on law and order, which did no more than ask the government to take "further measures to strengthen the force of law." But a sensible Cabinet Minister on such occasions directs his speech to what is in the minds of his party and that is what Mr Leon Brittan did yesterday when he addressed the conference for the first time as Home Secretary.

What the conference wanted was stiffer sentencing for serious, and particularly violent crimes. The intense concern of the Tories in the constituencies was shown by the very large number of motions submitted on law and order – 99 compared with 27 on defence, 20 on the economy and 55 on employment and industrial relations. Overwhelmingly these demanded heavier penalties and greater realism in sentencing, which was also the sense of most of the speeches from the floor yesterday, though some sensibly reminded the conference that detection and punishment are not all sufficient remedies for a violent society.

The challenge to the government was that despite the money given to the police, and more intelligent *policing methods*, crime is rising. Every day the public is made aware of some new unspeakably vile offence against the person, and often the most vulnerable, the old, the very young, or women. That was the rationale behind the demands for a return of the death penalty which the House of Commons rightly rejected as incompatible with the moral climate of the time. It is also the rationale behind the demand for heavier sentences now.

It is made not simply by Conservatives, but by a majority of voters who support all parties. On the "soft" side of the penal argument, what is usually stressed is the need for better detection of the criminal. That goes without saying, but it should equally go without saying that the vicious criminal has little to fear from detection if a soft sentence follows. What is no less serious, is the demoralizing effect of soft sentencing on both the police and the public. The police ask what is the point of taking risks to secure a criminal who pays a comparatively small price for his callousness. The public may lose confidence in the criminal justice system, and become less willing to give the police the co-operation on which successful detection often depends.

Having announced, at the time of the capital punishment debate, that twenty year minimum sentences will apply to those who murder police officers, Mr Brittan now intends to apply the same rule to those who murder prison officers, to terrorists and to those who commit sexual or sadistic murders of children. Those who kill when committing robberies with firearms will also serve a twenty year *sentence and there will be* "very long sentences" for killers of nightwatchmen, postoffice staff and others who do jobs that make them vulnerable. Very sensibly, Mr Brittan also intends to legislate to increase the maximum sentence for carrying firearms to life imprisonment, and also to enable the Attorney General to refer over-lenient sentences to the Court of Appeal which would virtually indicate the proper penalty in future similar cases, though without altering the sentence of the case referred.

None of these changes infringes the tradition that the hands of the judiciary should not be tied, and that judges should be free to determine sentences in the light of individual circumstances. Without recourse to mandatory sentencing, he is signalling to the judiciary that, since life imprisonment means life unless he commutes it, he will not commute it to less than twenty years for the stated offences. That is a wise course and so is his proposal to meet public criticism of the gap between other sentences and the imprisonment served for them by new arrangements with the parole board.

To combine these changes with an attempt to clear the prisons of lesser offenders must be right and the Home Secretary will be widely supported. Yet in the end, the violence of a society *is not merely determined by* detection and penalties. It is a cultural phenomenon. The easy violence on television, film and video is part of this cultural phenomenon, and many people, producers, writers and businessmen, not to say the consuming public have responsibilities for it. It defies common sense to *think* that treating cruelty and violence as legitimate entertainment has no effect on behaviour. If the public itself will make it clear that it will not support a culture of violence, that would be at least as beneficial to a decent society as the measures Mr Brittan announced yesterday.

MR HESELTINE'S OPPORTUNITY

Mr Michael Heseltine has a chance today at Blackpool to show that the Government's thinking about British defence policy goes beyond the question of the nuclear deterrent. His White Paper in July was brutally upstaged the next day by the Chancellor's peremptory cuts. But it would be a pity if Mr Heseltine's sense of umbrage at that treatment throws him in opposition to the idea of any cuts, simply to prove that he cannot be pushed around. Cuts in defence there can be, and should be. With a little extra courage and some not very radical analysis Mr Heseltine could achieve both defence cuts and an improvement in Britain's long-term defences.

On mobilization the British Army is brought up to strength by reservists so that its order of battle consists of at least one-third part-time soldiers. The other two services have a *smaller* reserve component, but also a smaller capability for expansion. Since the abolition of conscription British military manpower has been reduced steadily – 13 per cent in the last ten years – with very little provision for expansion, unlike all the other European allies.

Britain thus suffers two penalties for the maintenance of strictly volunteer forces. It pays a much higher price for a much smaller military capability, in all three services, than any of the allies. Secondly it is condemned to a narrow military base which is unable to achieve the necessary expansion and is constantly being narrowed even further.

The rising cost of equipment and manpower over the last 20 years has shown that it is not possible to maintain all-volunteer forces at the original strength envisaged when conscription was abolished. Decline since 1962 has been unrelenting. It will become worse after 1986 when the number of young men between 15 and 24 will fall substantially and continue falling for ten years.

Labour governments have responded to this by ignoring the structural consequences and continuing with cuts. If a Conservative government is to have any claim to be the Party which shows respect for Britain's real security interests, it should now seize the opportunity of a radical restructuring in defence to achieve a better future.

This will involve breaking down the rigidities of manpower policy, career structure, precurement procedures and operational deployment which have paralysed the system hitherto. On manpower the present fixed ratios between regular and reservist forces *should be revised. For too long* the regular forces have been cut without any matching provision for expanding our military base in such an emergency. They could in fact be cut much more with the right machinery for expansion, which would draw on a much wider reserve of men and women taking part in properly constructed reservist schemes with appropriate training.

Once the armed forces can be weaned away from a natural obsession with structure, and protecting their narrowing base, manning levels in the forces could be fundamentally and profitably reassessed with a view to raising productivity in peace time. The ratio of officers to men needs to be reviewed. It compares unfavourably with many modern armed forces. So does the strength of each force, compared to its potential fire-power. There will be a need for more recruitment of women, which should match the abolition of a ponderous career structure which guarantees servicemen a lifetime in the armed forces followed by pensions and associated services which cost £3,000 annually for each member of the armed forces. To that must be added their housing, the education of their children, and all their health and welfare which is carried on the defence budget.

On equipment policy there should be similar revision. The needs of an elite force, with high standards of professionalism, have led to a pervasive determination to purchase only the best equipment, designed and built in Britain. It is ironic that so much of this equipment was then shown up last year in a contest with a second-ranking power which had been able to buy its equipment on the open market. The cost advantages of more standardization within Nato, longer production runs, and more improvization would be manifest.

Finally, deployment. The Soviet threat is met in Central Europe by forces of which the British contribution is a tiny part. Britain is much the best endowed European power to contribute to the emerging threat somewhere on the flanks since otherwise the Americans would be left to do it alone. In the 1980s the preponderance of British forces permanently maintained on the European continent should be lightened, with Britain's Rhine Army reduced and the Air Force redeployed. It is a complicated and radical exercise which is required. That is the challenge facing Mr Heseltine today.

MURDER IN RANGOON

The bomb explosion in Rangoon on Sunday which killed four South Korean Cabinet ministers and fifteen other people is the second tragedy to have struck South Korea in less than two months. In terms of its international significance, it does not compare with the destruction of the South Korean *airliner* off Sakhalin Island on September 1. Even its effect on South Korean domestic politics is unlikely to be excessively damaging. President Chun Doo Hwan has lost two of his most senior economic advisers, as well as a foreign minister of unusual ability and experience, as the result of the bombing. But he is in the fortunate position of being able to draw on a large pool of administrative talent, so his losses, though serious, are not irreplaceable. Even so, the bombing outrage is bound to increase the siege mentality of the South Korean government.

President Chun has had no hesitation in blaming the bombing on North Korea. The North Korean government of President Kim Il Sung is a particularly unpleasant regime which relies on a personality cult even more odious than those of Stalin and Mao. Such an act of violence would be quite within its abilities. But there are grounds for questioning whether the North Koreans were, in fact, involved. Burma is one of the few Asian countries with which North Korea has good relations and the North Koreans would be unlikely to jeopardize their friendship with the Burmese in such a way.

There are moreover a number of minority and other dissident groups within Burma itself which might equally well have been responsible. Nonetheless President Chun is likely to stick to his conviction that the North Koreans were behind the bombing, and in one sense it is his conviction that matters.

The bombing incident will reinforce the strident anti-communism of the government in South Korea and will probably lead to a further tightening of political control.

The state of confrontation which has existed in the Korean peninsular since the time of the Korean war is of little benefit to any of the principal parties concerned. None of the major powers involved in the region – China, the Soviet Union, Japan and the United States – has much to gain from a change in the status quo at least for the time being. It is therefore in their interests to help bring about a reduction of tension between North and South Korea.

In the mid-nineteen seventies Dr Henry Kissinger mooted the idea of cross-recognition, whereby South Korea's western allies would recognize North Korea in exchange for recognition of South Korea by Moscow and Peking, and a similar idea was put forward last year by President Mitterrand of France. But such suggestions have always foundered, largely because neither Moscow nor Peking is prepared to exert too much pressure on the North Koreans for fear of losing influence to the other. Now that unlimited Sino-Soviet rapprochement is in train, the time may soon come when fresh *attempts to defuse tension in the* Korean peninsular could be made. But they cannot even be contemplated so long as the political atmosphere is poisoned by bombing incidents such as last Sunday's.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trustworthiness as touchstone in public office

From Mr A. B. Ducker

Sir, In the Parkinson affair, it is a pity that you concentrated your editorial upon current sexual attitudes more than on the simple precepts of honesty and fidelity.

Apart from the unnecessary suffering caused to the women personally involved, the importance for the nation at large rests in the fact that honesty and fidelity have been shown deficient in the character of a person appointed to represent us in high matters of state.

Ordinary people at home, and the representatives of other countries abroad, can perceive this fact, and it is the Prime Minister's duty to act to restore the trustworthiness of her Government.

Yours truly,
A. B. DUCKER,
Donnybrook,
College Road,
Bath, Avon.
October 7.

From Mr Anthony Smith, QC

Sir, Yours is not a little paper run by a dated clique of aging public schoolboys raising laughs and circulation out of the follies of others. Because we all commit folly of some kind, it is easy enough for others to talk up such folly indiscriminately to destroy. On the part of the supposedly responsible this can be intellectual vandalism.

In my judgment few politicians of any party inspire by appearances much admiration for real ability. For this observer, Mr Parkinson's appearances have for some years constituted a notable exception to that rule. I would not have thought the manifestation of honesty, or love, or loyalty, or even of sin that is supposed to be original and in us all, reveals such startling defects of character as to make him less fit to serve the rest of us now than he was when we did not know.

In this age of vaunted permissiveness and liberalism, when even what was recently thought unnatural vice can be condoned as real love from the pulpit, there are still ways for establishment journals to make Parnells and Dilkes. I am disappointed that your paper, after all these years, should give the appearance of seeking them out.

A defence would have been more impressive. It would have been more useful, perhaps, to those whose sufferings you lament, too.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY SMITH,
Skeffington House,
Skeffington, Leicester.

From the Reverend Richard James

Sir, While our hearts go out to all those directly affected by this tragic situation, its indirect consequences are equally disquieting.

Why, if it is purely a private matter, was any public statement from No 10 deemed so necessary and issued so promptly?

Is the question of resignation ruled out so categorically because adultery, like any other sin repented of, can be fully forgiven, or because it is considered insignificant in today's climate where one in three marriages break up and one in seven families have only one parent?

On what scale of values was Lord Carrington respected for "doing the honourable thing" over a national disgrace of which he was not the personal cause, and Cecil Parkinson's services are now so insistently retained?

If it is true that "he who is trustworthy in little is trustworthy also in much", then has not a democratic nation the right to expect its leaders to possess, among other qualifications for high public office, the moral attribute of personal integrity?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD JAMES,
Bedford College of Higher Education,
Polhill Avenue,
Bedford.
October 6.

From Sir John Herbecq

Sir, I have no wish to comment on the Parkinson affair, but your comment (leading article, October 7) that "We all know too well that, whatever society's aspirations to the contrary, life in this land is full of split homes, illegitimacy, and one-parent families" simply will not do. On the contrary, life in this land is full of united homes, legitimacy and two-parent families.

Despite the lamentable increase in split homes and the rest, those who have brought about this state of affairs remain a small minority in this land and there is no reason why their conduct should be held to have established a new norm in morality acceptable to a public at large who have no right to expect anything better in their leaders.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HERBECQ,
Maryland Ledgers Meadow,
Cuckfield,
Haywards Heath,
West Sussex.
October 7.

From Mr J. F. Bird

Sir, Mr Parkinson's conduct has implications for his public life which cannot be dismissed as easily as your leading article suggests. Insofar as the character of a public figure is reflected in his private life, this surely must be a matter of public *concern*, whether or not public statements are made.

Leaving aside the moral issues, where there may be differences of view, Mr Parkinson has by his own admission betrayed personal relationships. This is dishonest. Also he is to be the father of a child who in effect will have no father. This is irresponsible.

When someone manages to make such a mess of their family life it gives me no confidence that they are in any way equipped to manage the affairs of state. And if the paying out of money is to be the Tory answer to a situation such as this, then God help us!

Yours faithfully,
J. F. BIRD,
17 Radcliffe Road,
Bamburgh,
Northumberland.
October 8.

From Mrs Vyvyan Evans

Sir, While I realize that your leading article on the "Parkinson affair" (October 7) is intended to give a fair and balanced view of the situation without innuendo, I must protest at the way in which you accuse the public of "one of its periodic fits of false morality and hypocrisy."

It is not the public which sends its reporters to hound the lives of well known people when they depart from accepted rules of behaviour but the editors of newspapers intent on exploiting the situation to the full.

It is in the interests of society that marriage in general should survive and that those involved in this particular one should be allowed to sort out their difficulties without the harsh glare of publicity upon them. To the press, however, this is just another scoop – from the despicable *Private Eye*, with its particularly underhand way of forcing the matter into the open, to the bland and reasonable view of *The Times* in its leader.

Please do not accuse the public of "false morality and hypocrisy". The matter is in your hands.

Yours faithfully,
VYVYAN EVANS,
Roden House,
4 Shenfield Road,
Brentwood, Essex.

Deficit financing to aid recovery

From Mr Bryan Gould, MP for Dagenham (Labour)

Sir, In your even-handed comment on Neil Kinnock's Brighton speech (leading article, October 7), you warn against ignoring "the damage done to competitive production by eroding money values as a result of over-borrowing by the Government".

This is an odd warning to give at a time when the Americans are busy showing us the immense benefits to be gained from deficit financing. By following Keynesian prescriptions in this regard, the Americans are raising output and cutting unemployment without running into inflationary problems. Their experience demonstrates that expansion needs financing and that reflation can safely be undertaken when there is a substantial margin of spare capacity.

In this country, we have so far taken only a few faltering steps along that path. Yet, in the 15 months to March 31, 1983, our Government happily presided over a £24.6bn increase in bank lending to the private sector. The consequences were not the erosion of money values you warn against, but lower interest rates, lower inflation and a modest economic recovery.

Surely the evidence is that we need more of the same; so, why leave it to the private sector? Over the same 15-month period, the Government took £2.4bn out of the economy, thereby *pulling against* the direction so enthusiastically taken by the private sector.

If only the Government were prepared to do its bit, by under-funding (so that there was no upward pressure on interest rates), we might yet get a really effective American-style stimulus, without which our pitiful "recovery" is doomed to peter out.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN GOULD (Chairman, Labour Economic Policy Group),
House of Commons.
October 10.

Inner-city churches

From the Reverend Prebendary R. A. Coogan

Sir, I have much sympathy with Mr C. Hammond's plea (October 4) for inner-city churches which provide "a setting within which the liturgy can be enacted most expressively and fulfilled most completely" and I share his concern about the liturgical and architectural merit of modern churches and the replacement "worship centres".

However, it must be said that the inner areas of our great cities have simply too many churches. The great majority were built between 1850 and 1900, often at the whim of individual priests or donors who could not have foreseen the social and economic facts of the 1980s.

In the London Borough of Camden there are 32 Anglican parish churches, serving a population which has halved since most of those churches were built. Many Christians would find it hard to justify the retention of all these churches and, leaving aside questions of staffing and other pastoral considerations, the Church can no longer provide adequate finance for their proper upkeep.

If all the inner-city churches are to be kept, even as architectural "signs", then substantial financial resources must be found from non-Church sources.

We do appreciate the love and self-sacrifice of small devoted congregations, but should the upkeep of buildings be the first call on their efforts? I have personal experience of a parochial church council which, after years of unequal struggle, voted unanimously to have their church declared redundant.

That congregation is now part of a living Christian community worshipping in another building. They have gained by their courageous decision. Redundancy and demolition can lead to growth in the church of the inner city.

Yours faithfully,
R. COOGAN,
Vicar and Area Dean,
The Parish Church of All Hallows,
Hampstead,
27 Thurlow Road, NW3.
October 5.

Cenotaph ceremony

From Mr J. M. Rex

Sir, I find Mr Wheldon's letter (September 30) and his frustration understandable, but inappropriate. His motivation, however, seems exclusively political. Those who died are, at one and the same time, the nation's dead, yet unpossessable. They belong to no political party.

There are still many opportunities to honour them, privately, in churches and at other ceremonies throughout this country each November, in addition to the honour and recognition paid by the Head of State at the Cenotaph.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES REX,
15 Southfield Road,
Westbury-on Trym,
Bristol,
Avon.
October 3.

Opera's plight

From the Managing Director, English National Opera

Sir, Reports in *The Times* and other newspapers about the Priestley study of the Royal Opera House and the Royal Shakespeare Company raise some crucial issues in the area of arts funding.

My regret is that the Priestley report discussed only two of the national companies with the resulting implication (in various newspaper articles) that the financial position of English National Opera is in some way more secure.

The plight of the English National Opera is every bit as serious as that of the Royal Opera House or the Royal Shakespeare Company. English National Opera has, perhaps mistakenly, chosen to remain relatively silent about its problems while continuing to mount what we hope are enterprising seasons – but we must now stress that this has been against a background of Arts Council funding which has been progressively reduced, compared with the Royal Opera House, over the last fifteen years.

Even the generous support we receive from the GLC does not restore the balance.

Without relating a great catalogue of woe, may I, through your columns, set the record straight. The English National Opera is just as underfunded as the Royal Opera House and deserves, we hope, just as much consideration in all funding discussions – but I should personally be less than enthusiastic if the cost of this resulted in any system of direct funding.

Yours faithfully,
HAREWOOD, Managing Director,
English National Opera,
London Coliseum,
St Martin's Lane, WC2.
October 6.

On the wrong tack ?

From Lord Brabazon of Tara

Sir, I feel I must protest at Sir Eric St Johnston's letter (October 1) proposing the burying of the America's Cup and the scrapping of 12-metre racing. The series gave many people all over the world a great deal of excitement and enjoyment, as well as the four million people who visited Rhode Island to see it.

In an age when so many sportsmen seem to demand a subsidy from taxpayer or ratepayer before taking to their chosen field, and there are so many so willing to distribute largesse providing someone else is paying, it is, I agree, unfashionable for someone *actually* to want to spend his own money in the attempted fulfilment of a dream.

Sir Eric suggests each country which has built a 12-metre should build two sail-training ships, but they were all built by individuals or syndicates, not by countries.

Nowadays everything is related to the number of jobs it may create: £5m is not a bad start; just think what *would have happened if* Victory 83 had won and the next series had come to Britain, and how many training ships would have been funded by the spin-offs. Well done, Mr de Savary, and let's hope you have another go next time, and win!

Yours faithfully,
BRABAZON OF TARA,
35 Cloncurry Street, SW6.

Hospital cuts

From Mr J. C. Reynolds

Sir, Your leader "No time to tinker" (September 26) suggests that criticisms of Mr Fowler's 1 per cent cut in the health service budget are to be *dismissed* as "trigger-happy hysteria", though anyone who has been watching television news programmes knows that doctors and nurses – not given to hysteria – think otherwise.

You are, Sir, correct, of course, in saying that Mrs Thatcher fell into a trap of her own making when she said, before the election, "the health service is safe with the Conservative Government". *She should have said* "the health service will be dismembered gradually by the Conservative Government when we return to power".

Most people agree that we must reduce public expenditure, but why do ministers look first for cuts in the health service and education?

May I suggest that substantial savings could be made by (1) reducing our contribution to Nato to the level of that provided by other impoverished countries, such as Italy; (2) abandoning Trident and Fortress Falklands, neither of which we can afford; (3) abandoning farming subsidies, which result in unmarketable food surpluses; and (4) abandoning plans for abolishing the GLC and the metropolitan counties, which you yourself have warned may well prove an expensive fiasco (apart from the additional cost to the state caused by the "substantial job losses" which Mr Jenkins forecasts).

Yours faithfully,
J. C. REYNOLDS,
The Cottage,
7 Banbury Lane,
Byfield,
Northamptonshire.
September 29.

Rugby line-up

From Mr David Heald

Sir, Mr John Payne's justified indignation (September 27) at the all too selective distribution of international tickets by the Rugby Football Union will hardly be assuaged by Mr David Gabbitass's somewhat glib reply (October 1).

As an ageing, overweight former extra A player and a life member of a well-known rugby club, I am *still* not always able to procure tickets for internationals at Twickenham.

The evident assumption that only rugby club members are interested in rugby is patronizing. In no other sport is this "tickets for the boys only" policy practised. Only the touts can benefit from it.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HEALD,
Darwin College,
The University of Kent,
Canterbury, Kent.
October 4.

Young offenders

From Mr Maurice Logan-Salton

Sir, There is an effect of the increase in the numbers of juveniles receiving custodial sentences which is not mentioned in the letter from Ms Vivien Stern (September 29).

Since 1980 this country has lost most of its finest boarding schools for problematic youngsters, particularly those young offenders who nowadays are simply sent to detention centres and youth custody centres. In Scotland the schools are known as List D Schools, while in England and Wales they are called Community Homes with Education (CHEs).

These boarding schools represented the positive approach to those youngsters deemed by the courts to need to spend a period away from their homes, and as such were a major national resource in the fight against crime.

A few years ago the schools had waiting lists for admission. However, local authority administrators have taken advantage of the artificial shortage in the number of youngsters benefiting from them to close them down and sell off the buildings in order to make "savings".

In terms of space, character, facilities and a careful balance of highly skilled members of staff, built up over many years, these schools can never be replaced. In due course it will be realized that these under-publicised closures reflect the incoherence of those policies initiated by Lord Whitelaw, when Home Secretary, and also *indicate* serious damage to the capacity to deal effectively with juvenile crime. Trying to advance the use of admirable non-custodial methods simply by denigrating the role of residential care has also been unhelpful.

One region alone, the North-east and Cumbria, has, since 1980, lost the skills and facilities of Axwell Park, Edmond Castle, Longhirst Hall, Richmond Hill and the Castle School, Stanhope, while a sixth closure, that of Pelham House School, Cumbria, is planned. Pelham House was founded in 1941.

All these schools were associated with those "values" which the Prime Minister talks about. However, there was nothing "oppressive" about the schools, as their cheerful atmosphere testified, and if the Home Secretary uses his powers to remove juveniles from youth custody centres the surviving schools could still have an *important role to play* for many years to come.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE LOGAN-SALTON,
8 Harpington View,
Mordon,
Sedgefield,
Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

Grave thought

From Mr G. W. Thomas

Sir, Sometime ago a notice outside an Edinburgh park which said, "downputting of uplifted children," led me to assume an enlightened Scottish attitude to the problems of youth. My view was modified by a longer acquaintance with the vernacular, but now that I am approaching an age which engenders contemplation of the hereafter I am encouraged to find an unequivocal statement of policy on a notice in the cemetery of Rosslyn Chapel (Borders region) which says: "No children allowed into this burial ground unless accompanied by parents or guardians".

Yours faithfully,
G. W. THOMAS,
Low Bield,
Outgate,
Ambleside,
Cumbria.
September 29.

Bar to progress ?

From Mr Michael O'Neil

Sir, Even in this centre of excellence the Fellows' car park at St Catharine's College bears a notice reading: "These gates may be closed at any time and unauthorised cars removed" – over the enclosing 12ft walls, presumably.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL O'NEIL,
1 Lammas Field,
Cambridge.
October 4.



COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 11: Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 11: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Multiple Sclerosis Society was present this evening at a Reception to mark the Society's thirtieth Year, at Vintners' Hall, London.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warbuton was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester as Patron, Richard III Society this evening visited Crosby Hall, London SW3. His Royal Highness unveiled a Memorial commemorating King Richard III's connexion with the Hall and later attended the Quincentenary Lecture "Richard III and London".

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this afternoon at the twentyfifth Anniversary of Jack and Jill Club, South Croydon, Surrey.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES PALACE
October 11: The Duke of Kent this afternoon received His Excellency Mr Taher Masri (Ambassador from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan).

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents' fiftieth road safety congress at the Winter Gardens, Eastbourne, on November 1.

A memorial service for the Hon Bernard Bruce will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Thursday, October 13, 1983, at noon.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Very Rev Dr Eric Symes Abbott will be held at King's College London, in the Strand, at 5.30pm on Monday, October 17. Tickets are not required.

Closely observed flowers at the opening of the RHS's Great Autumn Show yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Magnificent RHS show survives the cold

By Janet Browne, Horticulture Correspondent

The Royal Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show in the old and new Westminster halls is magnificent. Although held later in the year than usual, because of the renovation of the new hall, this year's weird weather has brought less autumn colour than expected.

Perhaps because of that there is an unusually wide range of interesting plants on display, from house plants, bonsai trees, rock garden and alpine subjects, roses, dahlias, chrysanthemums, grey foliage plants and succulents, to many trees and shrubs.

The judges awarded eight gold medals to exhibits of special merit.

The three dahlia exhibitors staged superb gold medal displays. In spite of picking blooms in the rain, little or no weather-damage is apparent.

Aylett Nurseries, of St Albans, has about 85 varieties, varying from collarettes to pompons and large giants, excellently displayed. Four of which are particularly eye-catching are 'Happy Birthday', a lovely peach colour, 'Autumn Lustre', reddish orange, which is a superb variety for any garden, 'Pink Shirley Alliance', a soft pink good for exhibition, and a lovely white giant 'White Alvas'.

Equally good are the dahlias shown by Butterfield's Nurseries, of Upper Bourne End. This firm has more than 60 varieties ranging from the very popular "babies" to the giants. Looking particularly attractive on this gold medal winning stand are the new collarette 'Jane Horton', creamy pink and named after the watercolour artist, 'Porcelain', a delicate lilac and white, and the controversial 'Christopher Taylor', a superb brilliant-red which has paeony-like flowers but is classified as a water-lily type.

The third dahlia winner is Philip Tivey and Sons, of Leicester. Beautifully staged bowls contain some lovely varieties, including "Dark Splendour", a wonderful crimson-bronze cactus, "Janet Goddard", an unusual terracotta colour, "Meiro", bluish lavender, "Jacqueline Tivey", hunting-pink with a purple flush, and "Wootton Carol", white, tipped rose-pink, all small decoratives.

The Great Autumn Show would not be complete without a superb display of flowering and foliage house plants from Thomas Rochford and Sons, of Broxbourne. This year, the firm is showing some wonderful giant *Impatiens hawkeri* varieties, with large flowers of different colours and with brilliantly variegated foliage.

Of great interest also are the cold-tolerant "Endurance" saintpaulias in a good colour range, and the delightful mini-cyclamen which are proving so popular. Two other eye-catching plants are *Beloperone guttata*, the shrimp plant, in full flower, and *Laea coccinea*, with orange flowers. A worthy gold medal winner.

Although with a smaller exhibit than Rochford's, the first-time showing by Anmore Exotics, of Horndean, Hampshire, also well deserves its gold medal for an impeccable display of house and greenhouse plants. Some unusual plants include *Alocasia amazonica*, with large veined leaves, *Spathiphyllum* "Mauna Loa", white "flowers", a very golden yellow-leaved *Codiaeum variegatum*, and *Stromanthe sanguinea*, with deep red lower leaf surfaces.

Vesutor Airplants, of Ashington, Sussex, concentrates on plants without soil and merely need misting with water, to win its gold medal. The plants, mainly bromeliads, are decoratively displayed on weathered wood and include numerous tillandsias, *Aechmea fasciata* "Purpurea", pink flowers, the unusual *Catopsis morreniana*, green and white flower spikes, *Vriesia grande*, red and yellow, and *Neoregelia* species with white flowers and pink-tipped leaves.

Among the tree and shrub exhibits, those staged by Hillier Nurseries, of Romsey, and Notcutts Nurseries, of Woodbridge, won gold medals.

Hillier's staged a wide collection of trees and shrubs devoted to autumn colour in flower, fruit or leaf. Creating interest are two hollies, the deciduous *Ilex verticilata* with red berries, and the evergreen *Ilex* 'Amber', smothered with yellow-orange fruits. The purple flowers of *Tibouchina urvilliana* make a fine splash of colour, as does *Pyracantha atalantiodes* 'Aurea' with its mass of yellow berries.

Notcutts has divided its "garden" into two parts with a central trellis illustrating climbers suitable for all situations, from the hardiest of variegated ivies with clematis climbing through to the more delicate *Abutilon megapotanicum* 'Kentish Belle' with its red and yellow flowers. Particularly pleasing is the highly fragrant *Eleagnus ebbingii* in full flower.

First-class certificates were given to: Schizostylis 'Sunrise', from Mr W L Banks, of Kingston, Hereford, and Hoya australis, from the Director, the RHS Garden, Wisley.

Awards of merit included: Bomarea hirtella, orange and green, and Sphaeralcea fendleri 'Venusta', lilac, both from the Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Miscanthus floridulus, shades of brown plumes, from The Trustees, Chelsea Physic Garden, London; Pelargonium 'Mme La Fontaine', white, purple and orange, also Laeliocattleya Elizabeth Fulton 'La Tuilerie', burnt orange and deep crimson, both from Messrs Vacherot and Lecoufle, of Boissy St Leger, France; Sorbus domestica 'Maliformis', apple-like fruits, from the Oxford Botanic Gardens; Cortaderia selloana 'Silver Comet', silvery green plumes, from Bressingham Gardens, of Diss; and Cyclamen cilicium 'Intaminatum', white blush pink, from Mr P Moore, of Benenden.

The show is open today from 10am to 8pm, and tomorrow (Thursday) from 10am to 5pm.

OBITUARY

DR KURT DEBUS
Notable contribution to rocketry

Dr Kurt Debus who died in Florida on October 9 aged 74, was a German-born engineer who played a notable role in the development of rocketry. He had been Wernher von Braun's chief engineer at Peenemünde during the war and later went, like his old chief, to the United States where he was in charge of launchings at what subsequently became the Kennedy Space Centre for over twenty years.

Kurt Heinrich Debus was born in Frankfurt in 1908 and educated at the Technical University at Darmstadt. Besides an education and a PhD in electrical engineering one of his more colourful acquisitions from this period was the facial duelling scar he received as a byproduct of his membership of a duelling fraternity, a mark he was to carry for the remainder of his life.

As an assistant professor at Darmstadt, Debus was assigned to Peenemünde when research on missiles began there and under von Braun was chief engineer in charge of all the test firings on the V2 programme. On one occasion he narrowly escaped death when one of these missiles, fully armed, plummeted to earth soon after launching. Debus flung himself into a nearby foxhole as the V2 and its warhead impacted and exploded not many yards from him.

At the end of the war Debus was among the large haul of German rocket scientists acquired by the United States and was soon active in the American military rocket tests which were to develop into the race for the moon. These began with the series of V2 firings at White Sands between 1946 and 1951, which owed much to America's having obtained components for almost 100 complete launch vehicles from the underground V2 factory at Niedersachswerfen.

Debus then worked on the Redstone Ballistic Programme, supervising the test firings of successive generations of army missiles and in 1952 became director of operations at Cape Canaveral. Here he was in charge of the launchings of a succession of celebrated missiles, which paved the way to space flight for the United States, beginning with the Army's Jupiter-C which belatedly put America's first satellite into orbit in March 1958 after the disasters of the Navy's Vanguard programme.

He directed the launches of the first probe to the sun, the first flights of primates and the first suborbital space flight of an American, Alan Shepard, in 1961.

As, by then, head of the John F. Kennedy Space Centre he was in overall control of the launch of Apollo II which landed the first human beings on the moon in 1969. One of his last responsibilities was the launch of Skylab, in 1973, and he retired the following year.

In 1976, however he joined the West German firm OTRAG which was developing a low cost vehicle to launch commercial satellites, finally retiring to Cocoa Beach, Florida, within sight of the launchings at Cape Canaveral.

SIR BRYAN SHARWOOD-SMITH

Sir Bryan Sharwood-Smith, KCMG, KCVO, KBE, who died on October 10 at the age of 84, spent the greater part of his working life in West Africa, and ended his time there as Governor of Northern Nigeria from 1954 to 1957.

He was born on January 5, 1899, and educated at Aldenham School. He won a scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1916, but joined the Royal Flying Corps the following year and served in France, Germany and the North West Frontier of India. After a short period as assistant master at St Cuthbert's preparatory school in Malvern he entered the colonial administrative service in 1920.

The first seven years, from 1920 to 1927, he spent in the British Cameroons (now part of the Republic of Cameroun). There he was involved in the direct rule of pagan tribes, primitive and often dangerous, and in his later account *But Always as Friends* published in 1969 he described his travels among them with "a police escort of one n.c.o. and three constables".

While in the Cameroons he learnt both Hausa and Fulani, languages spoken in Northern Nigeria, and in 1927 he applied for and was given a transfer there. His experience in the Cameroons was of some use when it came to dealing with non-Muslim tribes in Northern Nigeria, but much of that region came under indirect rule, the system introduced by Lugard which made use of the native administrations.

The objective of British policy was to use the experience of the Fulani rulers, but to "modernize and adapt" their practices; not least, by checking their tendency to corruption and oppression of the peasantry. Sharwood-Smith, who remained in the region for 30 years, was one of those who made a considerable contribution to the achievement of this aim.

In 1952 he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Northern House of Chiefs, the highest colonial rank in the region. In 1954 he and the lieutenant-governors in charge of the other Nigerian regions were raised to the rank of Governor in recognition of the size and importance of the areas they ruled.

Sharwood-Smith was a devoted colonial official who was on friendly terms with many of the leading personalities in Northern Nigeria, and had much affection for them. One of them was Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, later Prime Minister of Nigeria, who wrote to him in 1957 "as a son to a father" asking whether he should accept the office.

Sharwood-Smith retired in 1957 and returned to Britain. But he retained his interest in Northern Nigeria and in *But Always as Friends* described his experiences there, as well as outlining Nigeria's problems. He described, for instance, the hostility between north and south, and the events which led to the secession of Biafra and the civil war.

Sharwood-Smith was married twice, first in 1926, and secondly in 1939 to Winifred Joan Mitchell. There was a daughter from the first marriage and two sons and a daughter from the second.

MR HENRY ELLIOTT-BLAKE

Mr Henry Elliott-Blake, FRCS, TD, who died on October 7 at the age of 80, was Consultant Plastic Surgeon to St George's Hospital and a founder member of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons with Sir Harold Gillies and Sir Archibald McIndoe.

Henry Elliott-Blake was born on December 25, 1902, and educated at Dean Close, Cheltenham and Queens' College, Cambridge. He continued his medical training at St Thomas's Hospital, qualifying in 1929. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1941.

During the war he served as a surgeon at Dunkirk and in India. The year 1944 found him in Stoke Mandeville where his association with plastic surgery developed, and in 1946 he was appointed Consultant Plastic Surgeon to St George's Hospital.

His other appointments included the Victoria Hospital for Children in Tite Street, the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, the Royal Sussex Hospital in Brighton and Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton. He was also Senior Surgeon to the Ministry of Pensions at Roehampton and Stoke Mandeville.

The British Association of Plastic Surgeons was started in 1946 by a small group of surgeons who had been dedicated to reconstructive surgery in war casualties. As a founder member of this association, he was active in promoting the expansion of this branch of surgery both nationally and internationally.

He also served as president of the Plastic Surgery Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. In his retirement, he contiued his interest and support in the work of the association.

Henry Elliott-Blake was a most gifted painter. His work was exhibited at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters and the Royal Academy of Arts, and he was a founder member of the Medical Art Society. It was, perhaps, this gift which guided him towards plastic surgery and made the welfare of his patients and the quality of their lives so important to him.

He was the most meticulous and patient of men, who will long be remembered for his kindness and consideration to all who met him. These qualities earned him the lasting admiration and affection of all those who worked under him.

His sense of humour and his wide range of interests, including motor racing at Donington Park in the early years, golf and his very considerable knowledge of art, made him a most stimulating and delightful companion. He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

He is survived by his wife Mary, whom he married in 1945.

CAPTAIN MARCOS LEMOS

Captain Marcos Lemos, who died on October 9, was a well-known shipping magnate and racehorse owner-breeder, though it was not until the early 1960s that he first became interested in the British turf and bought his first horse, which he renamed Marathon Runner.

Born in Greece, at the age of 16 he escaped from German occupation to join the Greek Air Force in the Middle East. After the war he joined Lemos Pateras, Ltd, his family shipping business and chose as his racing colours the blue and white stripes carried by the firm's vessels.

He had horses at various times with Ron Smyth, Sam Armstrong, Bernard van Cutsem, and Clive Brittain. In 1965 he paid 7,800 guineas for Petingo at the Newmarket October sales and two years later this horse won the Free Handicap, the Craven and Gimcrack Stakes.

In 1978 he won the St Leger with Julio Mariner, for which he had given 40,000 guineas. Other good horses he owned were Cavo Doro, which finished a close second to Morstan in the 1973 Derby and his home-bred Averof, which won the Dee Stakes at Chester and the St James's Palace Stakes at Ascot.

Meanwhile he bought Warren Hill House at Newmarket, spending a considerable sum on its renovation while building the nearby Warren Hill stud. A few years later he also bought the nearby Ashley Heath Stud, making it a home for stallions and visiting mares. One of the stallions standing there is Good Times, winner of the Italian 2,000 Guineas.

Lemos more recently purchased the Fitzroy Yard in Newmarket, which is currently leased to Frankie Durr, the former jockey turned trainer. He had hopes of turning it into one of the finest yards in the country.

MISS JOAN HACKETT

Miss Joan Hackett, the American film and stage actress, died in hospital in Los Angeles on October 8 at the age of 49. She had been suffering from cancer for some time.

Born in New York, Miss Hackett made her stage debut on Broadway in *A Clearing in the Woods* and appeared in a number of other stage productions including *Laurette* and *She Didn't Say Yes*.

Her film debut was in *The Group* (1966) and thereafter she established herself as a leading lady, often seen in unglamorous roles of the sort typified by her moving portrayal of an aging and self obsessed socialite in the film version of the Neil Simon comedy *Only When I Laugh*, which gained her a Golden Globe Award and an Oscar nomination last year.

Other film credits included *Support Your Local Sherriff* (1969) and *The Last of Sheila*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. D. Briggs and Miss M. M. LeB. Laskey
The engagement is announced between Thomas David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tom Briggs, of The Dene, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, and Mary Michelle, eldest daughter of Sir Denis and Lady Laskey, of Loders Mill, Bridport, Dorset.

Mr J. M. Brand and Miss K. J. Windeyer
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs I. T. Brand, of Edinburgh, and Kyla Jane, daughter of Sir Brian and Lady Windeyer, of Oxford.

Mr C. R. S. Hardie and Miss M. A. Hodgson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs M. S. Hardie, of Wimbledon, and Mary-Anne (Emma), only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Hodgson, of Tresco, Isles of Scilly.

Mr R. I. Kinnear and Ms M. E. Davies
The engagement is announced between Robin Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. I. Kinnear, of Colinton, Edinburgh, and Marie Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Mackenzie.

Mr O. J. W. Lane and Miss J. M. Murray
The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Lane, of Burton, Lincoln, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Murray, of Waterloo, Liverpool.

Mr G. R. Richards and Dr J. M. Welch
The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mr and Mrs John Richards, of Goring, Sussex, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lorne Welch, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr N. D. Allott and Miss A. L. H. Rice
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Brigadier David Allott, and of Mrs Shirley Williams, of Heathfield, Liphook, Hampshire, and Annie, elder daughter of Mr John H. Rice, of 35 Riverine, Maidenhead, and of Mrs Penny Perrin, of Little Heath, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey.

Mr A. E. J. Van der Steen and Miss R. L. E. McMillan-Scott
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Van der Steen, of Bentworth, Alton, Hampshire, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. T. R. McMillan-Scott, of Sticklepath, Okehampton, Devon.

Marriages

Mr T. W. M. Jaine and Miss S. C. Agnew
The marriage took place on October 7th between Mr Tom Jaine and Miss Sally Agnew, youngest daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Andrew Agnew, Crowborough, Sussex.

Mr H. B. B. Clowes and Miss E. L. Martyr
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 8, at St Mary's Church, Bibury, between Mr Benjamin Clowes, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Clowes, and Miss Emma Martyr, younger daughter of the late Major Alan Martyr and Mrs Tony West. The Rev Robert Miles officiated.

Mr N. Pilkington and Miss C. Bonsor
A service was held yesterday in the Grosvenor Chapel after the marriage of Mr Nigel Pilkington, youngest son of Mr T. D. Pilkington and Mrs V. M. Pilkington, and Miss Celia Bonsor, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bonsor.

A luncheon was held at Maxim's and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Birthdays today

Professor F. F. Bruce, 73; Mr J. Drobny, 62; Mr R. Heron, 56; Mr Allen Lamboll, 60; Mr Magnus Magnusson, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir John Parker, 68; Mr Luciano Pavarotti, 48; Miss Angela Rippon, 39; Sir Archibald Ross, 72; Lord Soames, CH, 63; Mr Michael Verey, 71; Major Sir Simon Whitbread, 79.

Luncheon

Glaziers' Company
The Master of the Glaziers' Company, Mr John Corkill, assisted by the Wardens, Mr P. S. London and Colonel M. H. Seys-Phillips, presided at a ladies' dinner at Glaziers' Hall last night. The principal guest and speaker was Mrs C. Doll (Miss Josephine Douglas).

Dinners

Performing Right Society
Mr Vivian Ellis, president of the Performing Right Society, received delegates from the International Council of Authors and Composers (CIAM) at a dinner given at Stationers' Hall last night.

London Metal Exchange
The London Metal Exchange held its annual dinner at Grosvenor House yesterday. Mr Michael E. Brown, chairman of the committee of the exchange, was in the chair and the guest speaker was Sir Michael Edwardes.

Reception

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry gave a reception at Merchant Taylors' Hall yesterday evening to welcome the New Zealand trade mission to London. Sir David Steel, president of the chamber, was the host and Mr Warren Cooper, New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs and Overseas Trade, and the New Zealand High Commissioner were among those present.

Free Churches to review role of federal council

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A committeeof leading Free Churchmen has been set up to define a role for the Free Church Federal Council, which was once a weighty voice in the land.

The council met last month to discuss a resolution asking for an urgent review of its functions. That followed debate in Free Church circles, including articles in the *Baptist Times* and the *Methodist Recorder*, where attention was drawn to the council's overlap with the British Council of Churches.

The Rev Richard Hamper, the Free Church council's secretary, has stated that "honesty compelled him to share publicly the anxiety he increasingly felt" about its future. He was quoted in a report written by Dr Kenneth Slack, the present Moderator of the council.

In the days before ecumenical cooperation became the norm, the Free Church Federal Council was one of the principle religious bodies in the land, engaging in sometimes outspoken controversy with the government of the day and, on occasion, with the Church of England.

Of its many roles, only two are still thought very significant: organizing the Free Church hospital chaplaincy service, and providing for the public, through the Moderator, an identifiable leader and spokesman.

It has become fashionable for joint church statements and national ecumenical services to feature a triumvirate of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

The Rev A. Raymond George, a former Moderator and chairman of the committee, said in reviewing the council's functions that he personally felt that its survival would be considerably affected by any eventual Roman Catholic decision to join the British Council of Churches.

If the Roman Catholic Church became a whole-hearted member of the council of churches, the Free Churches might consider there was no longer a need for them to have an independent body of their own.

Memorial service

Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Russell
Prince Michael of Kent was represented by Colonel M. A. P. Mitchell at a memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Rudyard Holt Russell held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, yesterday. The Rev Neville Thomas officiated and Sir David Napley read from *Pilgrim's Progress*. The Rev Gordon C. Taylor gave an address. Among others present were:

Miss Kitty Russell (sister), Mr and Mrs J A Dudley-Nigg, Mr Christopher Moul, Captain and Mrs P C Prince, Mr and Mrs Robin Green, Miss B Green, Mr Brian Moul, Mr Steven Rayner, Mrs C A Brundley, Viscount Barrington, Lord Mancroft, the Hon Lady Sachs, Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey, Major Sir Philip Duncombe (Aylesbury branch, Grenadier Guards Association), Lady Napley, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Sir Neville Leigh, Sir Godfrey Morley (Selden Society), Mr E L Hancock (Rooks, Ryder and Company) with Mr and Mrs G Ironside-Smith, Mr C G Wright, Mr M Mills and Miss J M Tyrell.

Major M R Senior (representing the Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, Welsh Guards), Mr Anthony Miller (representing the Clerk of the Haberdashers' Company), Mrs J Rustage (St Giles-in-the-Fields Almshouses), Miss D M Pocklin (Mrs Dee's Almshouses), Mr Peter Dimmock (American Broadcasting Companies Incorporated, New York) and Mrs Dimmock, Mr P N Cutner, Miss L Pearce, Mr and Mrs Ronald Sedgwick, Mr and Mrs J H Poole, Miss R J R Poole, Miss K Jackson, Mrs D Goffert, Mr I P M Phillips, Mr and Mrs P D Murray Willis, Mr James Murray Willis, Mr and Mrs A R S Garrett, Mr George Sinden, Mrs E Hornby, Mr Gerald Rawlinson, Mr Anthony Miller.

Mrs A Martin, Mr R S Goddard, Mrs H M Reid, Mr John Street, Mr J W R Chadwick, Mr R A Ingham Clark, Colonel H A G Brooke, Colonel S C C Gausson, Mr Richard Sachs, Mrs D Banks, Miss S Banks, Mr Patrick Garrow, Mr W S Mapp (chairman, North of England branch, Welsh Guards Association), Mr R Freer (chairman of council, Amateur Boxing Association) with Mr H Hadden, Mr L Mills (also representing International Amateur Boxing Association) and representatives of ABA branches; Mr Patrick Garrow, Mrs B K Douglas-Thomson, Miss Mary Frampton, Mr Anthony Penna, Mr Michael Hampden-Turner, Mr W S Cox (Repton Boxing Club), Mr David Myers (West Ham Boys Club and Amateur Boxing Club), Mrs P Munton, Regimental Sergeant-Major L Ellson, Sergeant D Williams, Mrs M Dickson, Mrs A Maynard-Taylor, Mr and Mrs M Reynolds, Mr and Mrs Peter Stevens, Mr and Mrs R M Phillips, Mr and Mrs D Ellend, Mr N Farmer, Mr and Mrs C P Horton, Mr Tony Phillips, Major Robin Alderson.

Latest appointments

Mr Peter Rumble, aged 54, head of the directorate of ancient monuments in the Department of the Environment, to be chief executive of the new Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission.

Mr R. O. Miles, aged 47, head of the Near East and North African Department at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to be Ambassador to Libya in succession to Mr J. M. Edes.

Baron Carmichael of Kelvingrove

The life barony conferred on Mr Neil George Carmichael has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Carmichael of Kelvingrove, of Camlachie in the District of the City of Glasgow.

Service luncheon

Frontier Corps
The annual luncheon of the Frontier Corps Association was held at the Naval and Military Club yesterday. Brigadier H. E. Cubitt-Smith presided.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is to be on November 13 and the two minutes' silence will be observed from 11 am.

Sandhurst entrants

The following officer cadets are the September entry to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on the standard military course:

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The following WRAC officer cadets are the September entry on the WRAC commissioning course No 4:

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The following graduate entrants are the September entry on the standard graduate course:

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Science report

Medical use for shark fin extract

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Shark fins may have a more important role in the future than as the flavouring for a delicate Chinese soup. An American research group has used an extract obtained from sharks in an experiment that shows the material will restrict the growth of tumours.

The scientists have yet to unravel the exact structure of the compound they have obtained. But when one microgram (one millionth of a gram) of the compound was released each day for 100 days, from a special pellet one millimetre in size, it prevented the growth in rabbits of tumours of the type that normally grow very rapidly.

The material which has this biological action is extracted from the cartilage which forms the skeleton of the shark. Work on this type of tumour inhibitor began 10 years ago with the finding that the cartilage tissue in the shoulder blades of calves, before the bone was fully formed, contained a substance that could stop the formation of the network of blood vessels which are generated by a tumour to aid its growth.

One of the factors which limited further research at the time was the tiny amount of the compound available because cartilage is present only in small quantities in mammalian species.

However, in a report in *Science*, Dr Anne Lee and Dr Robert Langer, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Children's Hospital and Medical Centre in Boston, said it occurred to them that sharks may be a potential source of this inhibitor because, unlike mammals, sharks have an endoskeleton composed entirely of cartilage.

Cartilage forms about six per cent of the shark's total bodyweight compared with less than 0.6 per cent in calves. In addition, since some sharks are very large and the extract from them is more biologically active, Dr Lee and Dr Langer estimate that one hundred thousand times more active material is available from the sharks than the calves.

They worked with fins from basking sharks obtained locally in Boston.

Three tests were conducted and the tumours were prevented from growing in all of them. Exactly what is in the shark's extract which is responsible for halting the formation of blood vessels is still unknown.

A comparison of the complicated molecular structures will not be possible until pure samples have been obtained.

Source: *Science*, Volume 221, Number 4616, 1983.

Latest wills

Mr Alan Roy Wandless, of Canford Cliffs, Poole, left estate valued at £560,573 net. He died intestate.

Miss Elaine Hills-Young, of Harpenden, who started the Red Cross in Sudan, left £50,820 net.

Air Marshal Sir Harold Edward Whittingham, of Surbiton, Director-General of Medical Services of the RAF, 1941-46, left £69,752 net.

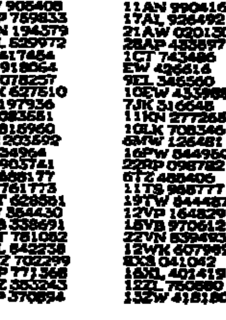
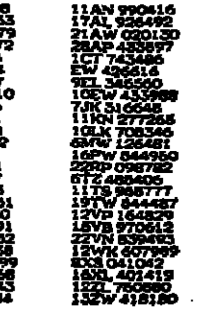
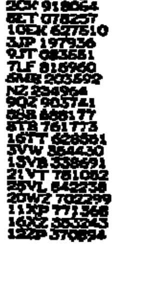
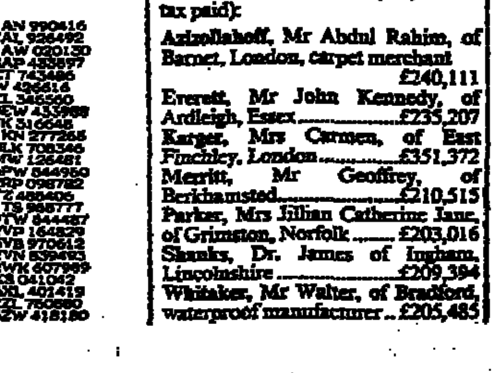
Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Azizollahoff, Mr Abdul Rahim, of Barnet, London, carpet merchant £240,111
Everett, Mr John Kennedy, of Ardleigh, Essex £235,207
Karger, Mrs Carmen, of East Finchley, London £351,372
Merritt, Mr Geoffrey, of Berkhamsted £210,515
Parker, Mrs Jillian Catherine Jane, of Grimston, Norfolk £203,016
Shanks, Dr. James of Ingham, Lincolnshire £209,394
Whitaker, Mr Walter, of Bradford, waterproof manufacturer £205,485

£5,000 bond winners

The £5,000 winners in the October Premium Bonds draw were:

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Australia

In March Bob Hawke, the ebullient former Rhodes scholar and trade union leader, led the Labour Party to a landslide victory in the general elections. Tony Duboudin writes from Melbourne on the performance of the new government.

Seven months into its term, the new Australian Labour government, the first since Mr Gough Whitlam's administration, has avoided the mistakes, turmoil and shoot-from-the-hip style that characterized the Whitlam years.

There has not been the flurry of legislation, initiatives and pronouncements which marked the last Labour term. While the watchword in Canberra now is evolution rather than revolution, the difference between the last Labour government and Mr Bob Hawke's administration is also as much a matter of style.

The Prime Minister's team has made some *faux pas* – the "spy" flight over Tasmania at the time of the Franklin dam row and the dispute with the chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Commission (as it then was) come to mind – but none of them was allowed to develop into a major issue. Mr Hawke acted raidly and effectively to dampen any possible trouble.

The most significant matter, which has marred an otherwise fine record, has been the Coombe-Ivanov affair, and there too Mr Hawke acted rapidly and ruthlessly in seeking, and obtaining, the resignation of Mr Mick Young, the Special Minister for State, and a close personal confidant. By that action the Prime Minister made it clear that he was not going to allow the actions of an individual to embarrass his government, something which happened all too often under Mr Whitlam.

The Royal Commission, established by Mr Hawke to look into the affair and Mr *David Coombe's relationship* with Mr Valeriy Ivanov, a Soviet diplomat, has proved an embarrassment for the Government. With hindsight Mr Hawke probably wished that he had not set it up. However, it did prove that the Prime Minister was not going to show any favours to colleagues.

Mr Young was alleged to have tipped off a Canberra lobby correspondent that a Russian diplomat was about to be expelled.

Mr Hawke has created a Hawke government first and secondly, and some say almost incidentally, a Labour government. While this style of leadership has not won him any friends among Labour Party idealists, it has certainly gained the confidence of business and investors.

Sometimes it is hard to grasp that there has been a change of party *in Canberra. One* newspaper columnist described Mr Hawke as more of a conservative than Mr Malcolm Fraser, the former Prime Minister.

Despite this conservative approach, the Labour government has managed to retain the confidence and, more importantly, the support of the union movement, although there are signs that the honeymoon may be drawing to a close. The social contract with the unions and employers, thrashed out at the national economic summit held in Canberra in April, has largely held good despite mutterings from left-wing unions.

However, the most important test of the accord will be whether the more extreme unions will be happy with the 4.3 per cent national wage decision granted by the Arbitration Commission. Should they consider it inadequate, the Prime Minister can look forward to a stormy few months.

Its ability to hold wage demands at reasonable levels will almost certainly be the issue upon which this Labour government will be judged. It is also essential if it is to have any chance of fulfilling its election pledge of creating 500,000 new jobs during its three-year term.

Encouraging hi-tech industries

So far there are few signs that Labour will be any more able to reduce unemployment than its predecessors. There was an imperceptible drop in the number of jobless in the most recent quarterly figures but hardly anything to warrant rejoicing.

Unemployment is unlikely to improve until the world economy picks up and then not necessarily significantly. Australia, in common with similar industrialized nations, faces the problem of aging, inefficient industries. The problem is compounded in Australia's case by its being a country with a high-wage structure in the midst of a low-wage cost region.

Any wage explosion, as well as jeopardizing Labour's economic recovery programme, will rekindle memories of the last Labour government and the runaway inflation of the Whitlam era. That, more than any other single point, gave Mr Malcolm Fraser his biggest stick against Labour.

This fear of precipitating another inflationary spiral has undoubtedly influenced Mr Hawke's approach. Under Mr Whitlam, inflation reached more than 17 per cent, fired by a free-spending public programme.

The government, also aware of Australia's industrial shortcomings, has taken a number of initiatives to encourage the high technology sector with generous tax concessions for investors in high-risk industries. However, in some areas, particularly computers and related products, Mr Barry Jones, the Minister for Science and Technology, believes that it is already too late for Australia. He says the country has "missed the boat".

Mine and farm are big export earners

While long-term prospects lie in new industries, mining and agriculture will remain Australia's major earners of export income.

Mr Hawke faces opposition from within the Labour Party and from the unions over uranium mining and the government's attitude to Indonesia over East Timor.

The party's policy on uranium, agreed to after extremely tortuous negotiations, in which Mr Hawke played a leading role, is that existing mines should be allowed to fulfil contracts entered into but that no new contracts should be signed or new mines started, except where uranium exists with other minerals. Ultimately the policy commits Labour to phase out the industry.

Mr Hawke has now said that he feels existing mines should be allowed to negotiate new overseas contracts to enable them to dispose of their production. This is a liberal interpretation of the letter of the party policy, if not the spirit.

Mr Hawke further angered the anti-uranium lobby by criticizing the demonstrators who blockaded the Roxby Downs mine in South Australia in August. Speaking in Tasmania he said: "You see some of the same faces there as were here (protesting against the Franklin dam in Tasmania)." The phrase was reminiscent of a more conservative government.

The Prime Minister has already received two warnings from the party and its backers on the uranium question. The Victoria branch of the party warned the government not to water down its policy and the Australian Council of Trade Unions also told the government not to soften its line. Mr Hawke has, apparently, ignored both warnings.

On foreign policy Mr Hawke has ignored party policy on the East Timor question and has *accepted as fact Indonesia's* takeover of the former Portuguese colony, again angering both wings of the party. The East Timor issue is one that soured Australia's relations with its nearest and largest neighbour, particularly because of the five newsmen killed by Indonesian troops during fighting following the Djakarta takeover.

Captivated by the Queen Mother

Mr Hawke again attracted some criticism, although of a milder nature, when he went to London and was seen by Australian television viewers to be captivated by the Queen Mother. The obvious pleasure he showed in her company did not quite fit in with his previously stated republican views.

Mr Hawke has been described as representing a new breed of politician. That may be true, but the problems he faces are not new; they are similar to ones faced by virtually every leader in the Western world. It remains to be seen whether he can provide the leadership and new direction that Australia seeks to lift it out of the depression.

It is unlikely that any recent Australian political leader has come to power with such high hopes. The size of the task Mr Hawke has shouldered is enormous and is likely to be matched only by the disappointment among his followers should he fail.

While the Australian economy struggles to get off the ground, Sydney's skyline continues to soar *Nobby Clark*

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AUSTRALIA

FOREIGN POLICY

Turning a blind eye to tragedy

Foreign policy is, more than any other, the area in which the young Hawke government has made its mark, although in a manner distressingly pragmatic to many Labour purists.

Though both Bill Hayden, the foreign minister, and Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, are keen to trumpet their interest in human rights questions, their attitude has been tempered by national self-interest. Concern has been expressed about human rights under the regimes of Chile and the Philippines, but the administration has turned a blind eye to the continuing tragedy on Australia's northern doorstep in East Timor.

Sections of the Labour Party continue to worry about the fragmentary reports of a renewed Indonesian military offensive in East Timor following isolated uprisings by the East Timorese.

Those strange allies, Mr Hayden and Mr Hawke, the man who ousted Mr Hayden from the Labour leadership the day this year's election was announced, have conspired to prevent a major confrontation within the ruling party over the thwarting of Labour policy on East Timor.

In Labour's seven months in office the focus has switched decisively from preoccupation with Australia's alliance with the United States to concern with its role within its own region, most importantly with members of Asean (Association of South-East Asian Nations), and with its scattered eastern neighbours in the Pacific.

Australia's ambivalence towards Indonesia, Asean's most powerful member and Australia's nearest neighbour, is long standing and real. East Timor has been jettisoned by the Labour leadership in order to cement relations with Jakarta.

Under the previous Liberal (conservative) government, Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, took firm personal control of foreign policy. He spread Australian influence thin internationally and lost ground with its Asian neighbours.

Foreign policy is one of the few areas on which Mr Hawke has not imposed his personal stamp. Had he done so, the Labour Government's foreign policy would have been little different from that of the previous administration – internationalist, sympathetic to the US, fiercely anti-Soviet.

Mr Hayden, having lost his party's leadership to Mr Hawke, has refused to cede control of foreign policy. He is one of the few ministers who have asserted themselves over Mr Hawke; Australia's switch of emphasis from the US to Asia reflects this.

Mr Hayden spent the first months of government out of the public eye, nursing his wounds and listening to his department's advice. He emerged to announce that improved relations with Asia were his main goal and promptly flew off to meet President Suharto of Indonesia. This was followed by trips to other Asean members and to Vietnam.

In seeking to persuade Asian leaders that the government saw Australia's future in Asia, Mr Hayden faced two obstacles in Labour Party policy, which is theoretically binding on a Labour Government. The first was support for East Timorese self-determination, a stance fiercely resented by Indonesia, and regarded with suspicion by other Asean states. The other obstacle was a commitment to provide aid to Vietnam. This, too, was resented by Asean members, for whom Vietnam's presence in Cambodia is an important policy concern.

Mr Hayden and Mr Hawke have simply ignored Timor, professed their desire for improved relations with Indonesia and avoided a confrontation in the Labour Party over the issue by the recent fortuitous UN decision not to debate East Timor this year.

On Vietnam, the government has similarly avoided both implementing policy and internal rancour by the grandiose expedient of offering to mediate between Asean, Vietnam and China over Cambodia.

Though there is little likelihood of this offer being taken up, it enables the government to refuse to implement party policy, which is of great symbolic importance to the Labour left wing because of its strong opposition to Australian participation in the Vietnam war, while the mediation proposal is on the table.

On these two issues as much as any other the maturity and pragmatism, but the loss of idealism, of the Hawke Government are apparent. Its attitude stands in contrast to that of the previous Labour administration under Gough Whitlam, which fell from power in 1975.

Mr Hawke made talks with President Reagan the highlight of his first overseas trip, delivered an unqualified endorsement of continued close relations between the two countries and, to the surprise of many Australians who are scarcely aware of Central America, warmly applauded US policies in that turbulent region, in which Australia has no direct interest.

While Mr Hawke reassured the conservative Australian electorate that little had changed since the passing of the Liberal government, Mr Hayden persuaded the administration to agree to a joint statement spelling out each country's role and responsibilities under Anzus (Australian/New Zealand/US alliance).

As Mr Hayden sees it, the alliance remains important but Australia must develop greater self-reliance in foreign policy and defence strategy and procurement. The new policy has received general endorsement from the Liberal Opposition yet leaves the present government scope to move closer to Asia.

To emphasize the shift in Australian priorities, Mr Hayden concluded his announcement in September with the footnote that though Anzus was important, relations with Asean were more important.

Relations with Britain show little sign of changing under Labour. Mr Hawke knows that republicanism is electorally unpopular and will not push the issue. The main concern of Australia's policy-makers focuses on trade relations with Britain as filtered through the European Community. Tension over agricultural trade has diminished with the change in government but there is potential for conflict over Labour's unresolved policy to ban uranium exports to France.

On South Africa, the Labour government has surprisingly softened its conservative predecessor's bans on sporting contacts in what can only be described as an opportunistic concession to Australia's obsession with sport.

Disarmament has not been an important public issue in Australia. The debate has been confined to specialists and a small peace movement, but Mr Hayden has tentatively raised the issue in the hope of initiating a public debate and has appointed a special disarmament ambassador. He has also proposed a Pacific nuclear-free zone (which would nevertheless permit US nuclear vessels to cross the Pacific) and a government-funded peace institute.

Ian Davis
The Age

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

New realism to conquer old fears?

The Hawke government had to address itself to the issue of foreign investment only three days after its resounding victory at the polls. In the run-up to the March 5 election more than $A3,000m (£1,818m) had fled the country, and on March 8 the government was forced to devalue the Australian dollar by 10 per cent to restore some sanity to the domestic money market and stability to Australia's capital account.

The Australian Labour Party is profoundly distrustful of foreign capital. Xenophobia partly explains it. Perhaps more to the point, however, is the fear of being controlled by outside forces, of having control and sovereignty diminished by an interest incompatible with Australia's perceived national interest. It was these concerns which led the Whitlam government (1972-1975) to seek billions of petro-dollars, not through its fiscal agent of long standing (Morgan Stanley), but via Tirath Khemlani, who was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York for conspiracy in 1980.

However, Bob Hawke, the new Prime Minister, and Paul Keating, the Treasurer, do not share their party's more extreme views on foreign capital and foreign investment in Australia. During visits to New York and Washington since their election, both have taken pains to reassure foreign bankers and investors that Australia welcomes foreign investment. Mr Keating, while shadow Treasurer, met several foreign bankers resident in Australia, partly to disabuse them of any latent concerns over a Labour government, partly to listen to their views.

Although Mr Keating has made a number of controversial decisions on foreign investment, his mind has been elsewhere. On being elected, the government faced heavy budgetary problems and its Treasurer, while a politician of formidable acumen, was unschooled in economics. He had a budget to present only five months after his appointment.

In July last year the Labour Party held its biennial federal conference. This conference is the supreme policy-making organ of the party, and what it decides is meant, at least in theory, to be binding on a federal Labour government. The latitude which the government has is in the timing of the introduction of the party's policy.

The Labour Party's policy on foreign investment says, *inter alia*, that a Labour government will "maintain the existing restrictions on foreign entry to strategic sectors of the economy, including banking, and reverse the current trend towards increased foreign domination of the Australian economy, by seeking increased Australian ownership and control of resources and enterprises and by carefully regulating foreign investment and short-term financial flows". It will also "expand the functions of the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) and establish clear guidelines for the entry and expansion of foreign enterprises in Australia, by taking steps to: require majority Australian participation in new projects in all sectors, including by public equity, for example, through the Resource Development Fund".

The policy also seeks to preserve key, yet unspecified, sectors of the Australian economy for solely Australian ownership, control the level of borrowing in the domestic capital market by foreign companies, but encourage foreign capital through overseas and offshore borrowing, rather than in the form of equity.

Mr Keating has instructed his department to review Australia's foreign investment policy in the light of the above. The review was intended to be completed by the end of September, but it has not yet appeared.

Since the election the government has administered a policy drawn up by its predecessors, which speaks in vague and general terms of "net economic benefit", a term that has been subject to much lofty exegesis. While Canberra bureaucrats maintain that there has been no policy change under Mr Keating there has, in fact, been a substantial change in the interpretation of the policy. Whether that change has come from Mr Keating himself or the bureaucrats who advise him, is a moot point.

One senior adviser concerned over this development said: "FIRB's attitude to the handling of applications has become much tougher. Their reports are much tougher and so are their recommendations. For the most part they have been accepted by the Treasurer."

Under this new-look FIRB, every application is regarded *de novo*; past decisions now appear to carry little weight at all. This is especially so when it comes to changes of ownership in the financial sector. To an incredulous financial community, Mr Keating refused a deal whereby the American Citibank would sell 49.9 per cent of a large merchant bank and discount house, Citinational, to Australia's second biggest life assurance company, National Mutual T-and-G Life. In return, Citibank would buy Grindlays Australia, a wholly-owned offshoot of Grindlays Bank. Citibank was selling 49.9 per cent of a company with assets of $A420.1m to acquire a company with assets of $A107.7m. Mr Keating could not see a net economic benefit in the transaction.

He has also refused foreign acquisitions in manufacturing. Australia's giant farming, trade and financial house, Elders IXL, was not permitted to sell its edible foods division to Unilever Australia because of the increased foreign control of the edible oils industry, particularly retail margarine, which would follow. Likewise, a takeover of the Australian sweet manufacturer, Allen's Confectionery, by Cadbury Schweppes Australia and a local private company, Nelson Australia, was refused on the grounds that Cadbury Schweppes already had a majority position in the domestic non-chocolate sector of the confectionery industry.

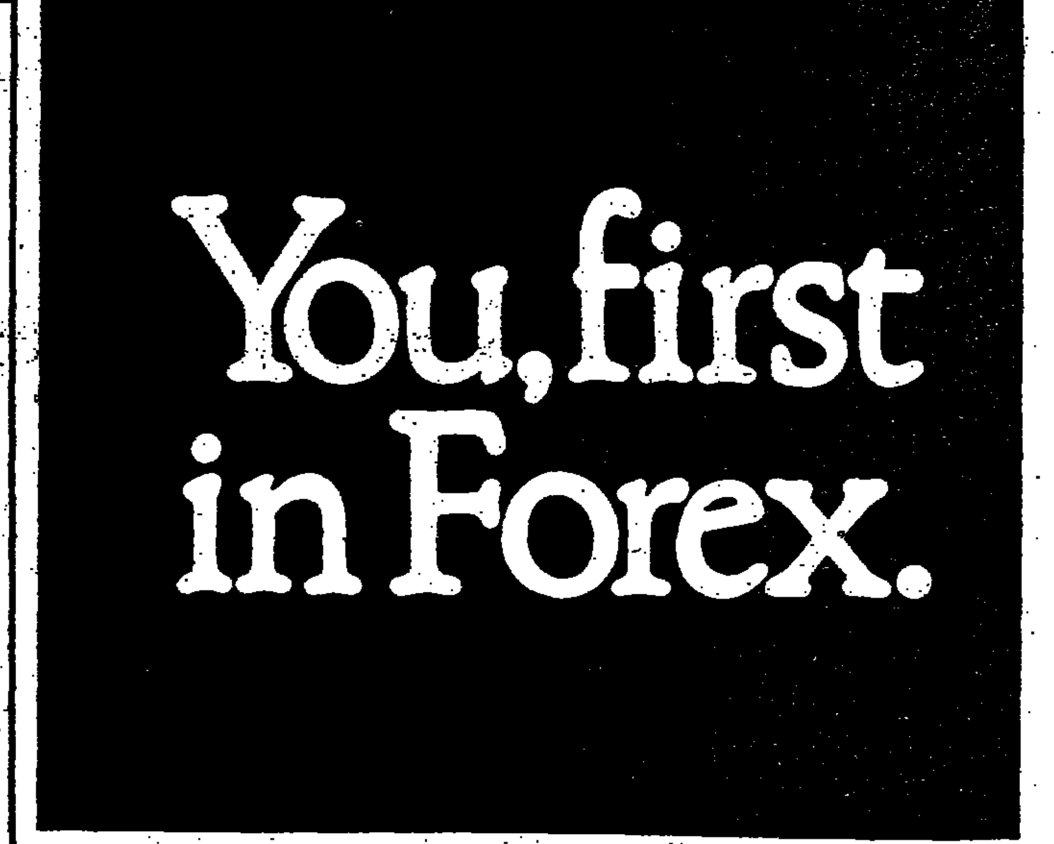
When the present government assumed power, its precursor had already called for applications from foreign banks for "about 10" new banking licences. Towards the end of May, Mr Keating issued a statement rescinding the previous government's offer and announcing a new mini-inquiry to review the Campbell Committee's recommendations on the financial system in the light of the new government's "economic and social objectives". This committee, dubbed the Martin Committee, after its chairman, Vic Martin, a senior Australian banker, is due to report to the Treasurer by late next month.

The consensus among advisors suggests that only four or five foreign banks will be admitted. This would imply one bank each from Britain, the United States and Japan and, perhaps, two from continental Europe. There seems little chance that foreigners will be allowed to own more than 50 per cent of any new bank.

Foreign investment policy in Australia is in transition. Two reviews are underway; each will be addressed to a government wedded to the notion that the economic system can, and should, be used for its social objectives. This, laced with pragmatism, will guide policy in Mr Hawke's first term.

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The Age





ECONOMY

Luck fails the Lucky Country

Three or four years ago the Australian economy was managed with admirable conservatism by Malcolm Fraser, whose views coincided with those of John Stone, permanent head of the Treasury. The inflation rate was well below the average of that for members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and, when oil prices jumped, Australia, with its stability and energy riches, became the darling of the world financial community.

However, that was mostly a chimera. Oil prices fell and drought struck the rural areas. That could not be helped. But Australia has also had a burst of economic mismanagement and union bloody-mindedness unmatched since the Whitlam-Cairns era of 1973-75.

The outcome was: inflation now running at double the OECD rate; a federal budget deficit of nearly $A8,400m (£5,000m) or 4.7 per cent of gdp; unemployment at 10.3 per cent and officialy forecast to rise in 1983-84; corporate profitability reduced to the lowest post-war level and no rise in private investment or self-sustaining recovery in sight.

Overall, the economy shrank by 2 per cent – Australia's worst annual performance since 1946.

In the past two months the economy has ceased to contract, and, with farming reviving strongly, it is heading for moderate growth in 1983-84; official forecasts have edged up to 3.5 per cent.

The growth is largely the result of an 18.5 per cent rise in spending by the Fraser government (6.3 per cent in real dollars) in 1982-83, and projected rise of 15.8 per cent (7.2 per cent real) under Bob Hawke.

Neither Australian leader has faith in such a Keynesian prescription for a sick economy. To a degree, Mr Hawke was locked into a giant deficit this year by Mr Fraser's vote-buying budget 14 months ago. However, the Labour Prime Minister passed over the chance to trim it by a couple of billion dollars.

He argued that an apparently excessive deficit was justifiable because his pre-election agreement with the union movement (further ratified at the union-government-employer summit talks in May) would hold down wages growth. The agreement involves full indexation of wages to the consumer price index.

Mr Hawke has had one nasty shock already, with the consumer price index 4.3 per cent, or nearly one per cent more than he expected.

The agreement may also be starting to unravel as stronger unions aim at above-indexation rises. But it is too early yet to know whether the breaches so far, such as the $A16 rise spreading through the chemical industry, are the first of many.

Even if the union leaders stick with the agreement – and they are angry with Mr Hawke over his policies on superannuation taxes and tariff barriers – the workers on site take a less lofty view of national requirements. Regardless of unemployment levels, real wage cuts are not part of their vocabulary.

The Australian workforce enjoyed a real wage growth of about 7 per cent in 1980-82, at the expense of corporate profitability, and even the present two years of zero real wage growth leave workers reasonably well off.

Still, things could have been worse. From December 1982 to June 1983, unions went along with a wage pause. Future indexation is likely to be half-yearly rather than quarterly, allowing some restoration of profit share to corporations. An indexation regime, coupled with orthodox fiscal policies, slowly got the economy out of the mire after 1975. But there is no guarantee that even if indexation is adhered to in the next two or three years, the new combination of indexation and mega-deficits will work.

In a review of Australia's five-year economic outlook last month, Lloyds International predicts only a slow recovery to 1985-86, a quick boom and then poor performance to 1988. The forecast appears to take as its premise an inability of the Hawke government to keep control of wage rises. Any failure of the 1983-84 budget strategy, moreover, could cause Labour to adopt worse rather than better strategies.

In the past 12 months interest rates have come down slightly, despite financing of the $A4,500m deficit. This occurred partly because of falling international rates and partly because of the slump in investment, and hence in corporate sector borrowings – a matter of cold comfort. Indeed, new capital raisings by listed companies in the March quarter were negative – the first time this has been reported since 1950.

The outlook for interest rates in the coming year is more precarious, especially if the US rates start to rise. As the Treasury noted in the budget papers, sales of government bonds to the non-bank sector in the single year 1982-83 were greater in real terms than total sales to the non-banks during the whole of the 1970s. In 1983-84, the non-banks will have to digest an equivalent offering again.

Financial markets are becoming sceptical of governments' ability to deliver their promises on monetary policy. For five successive years the government has overshot its own targets on monetary growth, hardly conducive to confidence in financial markets. The current target is 9-11 per cent (M3), still disturbingly high. Meanwhile the floor being set under interest rates by government funding needs, makes a recovery of private investment less likely – the normal problem with government-led recoveries.

Corporate gross operating surpluses (profits, before interest and direct tax) fell 17 per cent in real terms in 1982, and after-interest surpluses would have fallen even more sharply. Even after the slight rises in profitability in the past half year, the health of the corporate sector is close to its lowest point on record, the previous nadir being 1974.

In manufacturing, output in 1982-83 tumbled 11 per cent, far exceeding the previous notorious decline of 1974-75. Housing construction sank by 25 per cent, but this has now revived as a result of all the money that the government has thrown at it. The revival of manufacturing is not yet predictable though surveys of levels of confidence are just starting to register an important move.

One survey of the metal and engineering sector a few weeks ago recorded that it had suffered the worst shake-out in 20 years, but with an upturn expected later in 1984. Almost half the respondents were restructuring, but not through investment; they were substituting imported parts, narrowing product lines, and merging with rivals.

British businessmen have been heartened by anti-protectionist comments by Labour government leaders, including Bill Hayden the foreign minister, who said in September that Australia was "embalming geriatric industries in a sort of formaldehyde of protection". The Australian British Trade Association says it is of tremendous significance that the government so early in its tenure (and despite the recession) has recognized the need for freer trade.

Statements by Australian governments on freer trade have been two-a-penny for decades, while protective barriers continue to be raised. However, the Hawke government has put its policies where its mouth is in the case of Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP), which was given a package of bounties and market-share guarantees, but in exchange for promises of $A800m investment over five years and specified productivity gains, to which unions have agreed. The target is 250 tonnes per man-year, compared with an indicative 230 tonnes at last June. Further ahead, BHP has its sights on a figure of 280 tonnes, on a par with some Japanese mills.

Inflation is forecast to fall from about 11 per cent to 7.5 per cent on the consumer price index (cpi), largely through the lagged effects of wage pause in the first-half of 1983. The cpi forecast is misleading because the budget shifts some health costs from the private sector to the government, and the inflation outlook using the broader-based deflators is a less rosy 11 per cent. One reason for the high rate, well above that of Australia's trading partners, is the rise in food prices in the wake of the drought. Another is the rash of state and semi-government price rises for services. The March devaluation is also contributing.

An area of relative policy success has been the exchange rate and balance of payments. Mr Hawke moved decisively by devaluing 10 per cent days after gaining office, partially correcting it for high wages growth (see tables).

The effect of the recession in curbing imports has lowered the current account (trade and invisibles) deficit, while capital inflow has remained strong because of the follow-on effects of the 1981 resources boom, high local interest rates and the perception of the outside world that Australia is not Mexico, Brazil or Argentina.

For the 1983-84, the Treasury forecast is for a further fall in imports and in the current account deficit, a greater fall in capital inflow and a modest fall in international reserves, which are now high.

The main risk is that the healthy level of capital inflow will evaporate or reverse as a result of such factors as uncontrolled wage growth or government refusal to set interest rates high enough to control monetary growth.

Tony Thomas

LABOUR COSTS

Rate of growth of average hourly wages (per cent)

Year to	Australia	OECD
December 1982	17.8	5.8
June 1983	10.9	5.5
December 1983*	6.5	6.0
June 1984*	8.4	5.6

* estimated

Source: Victorian Chamber of Manufactures

OVERSEAS LABOUR COSTS COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIAN

(adjusted for exchange rate changes)

Base 1979-80:	1000
First half of	
1980	992
1981	921
1982	875
1983	926
1984*	901

* estimated

Source: Victorian Chamber of Manufactures

AGRICULTURE

Mud's money on the farm

There is a saying on Australian farms that "mud's money". The great drought of 1981-83 ensured little of either. The drought, in conjunction with depressed world prices and high cost inflation, lopped real incomes from farming by 53 per cent in 1982-83, the biggest fall by far in 30 years.

The good rains in the past few months (too good along the Queensland border, which was flooded) make a record wheat harvest likely in 1983-84. For farming as a whole, incomes are forecast by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to rise by 110 per cent to $A4,400m (£2,619m), with rural exports to rise by 10 per cent to about $A8,000m.

In more detail, crop production should rise by 48 per cent, with prices up 6 per cent, while a 4 per cent drop in livestock products will be easily offset by a rise of 20 per cent in prices. The output figures are all conservative owing to the recent upgrading of forecasts of the wheat harvest, which should top 18 million tonnes, about double last year's.

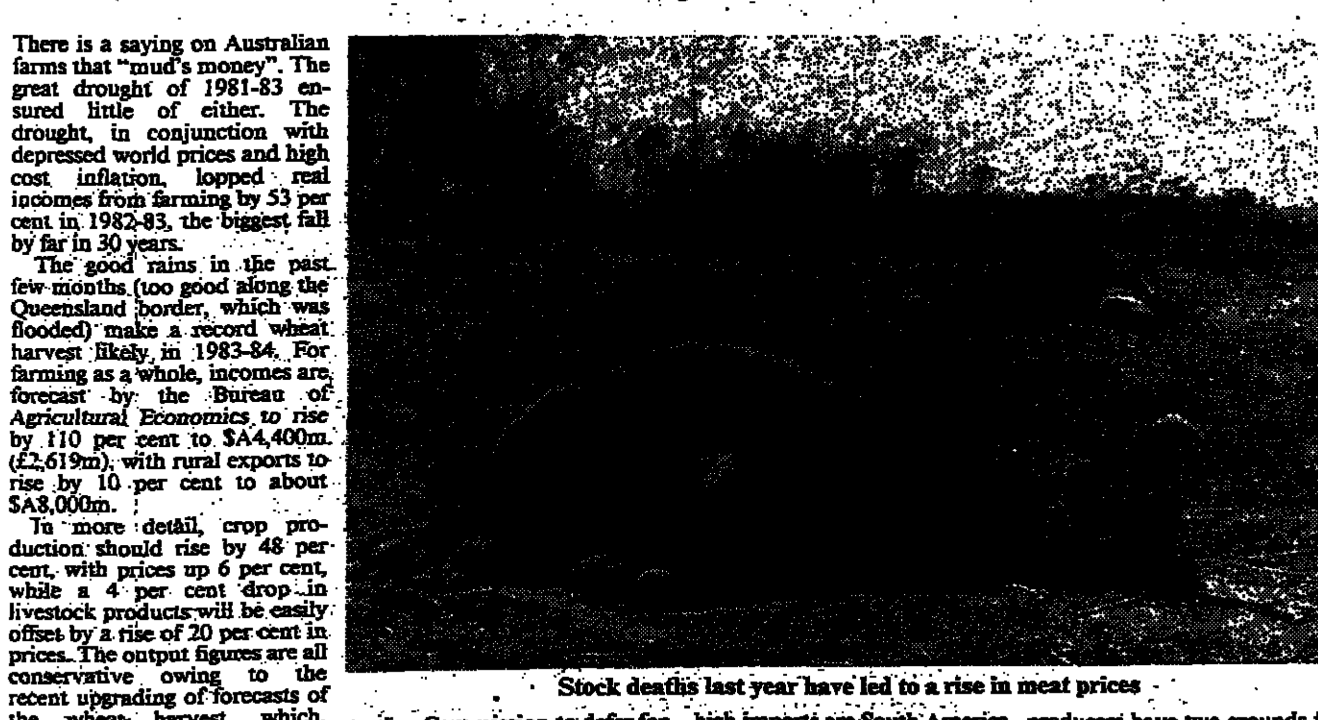
On top of this, for the first time in the 1980s, the rural "terms of trade" are moving in farmers' favour, with prices forecast to increase by 15 per cent against a rise of only 8 per cent in farm costs.

The bureau expects wool auction prices to rise by 14 per cent in 1983-84, provided recovery in the United States continues.

As a result of the drought's after-effects beef supplies to market are diminishing as farmers rebuild their herds. Prices are consequently up, by 39 per cent, but value of meat production and export are expected to decline.

Sugar prices have been at rock-bottom on world markets, but recent growing conditions in the northern hemisphere have been poor and since mid-year, sugar prices have turned up. The bureau forecasts that sugar exports should rise by 5 per cent to $A615m despite a 16 per cent drop in the value of exports. However, the growing conditions in Queensland have been dry and the harvest volume will decline.

Industrially, the year has seen some good gains for the farming lobbies. Led by the National Farmers Federation, they succeeded in persuading the Arbitration Commission to defer for six months the flow on of a $A14-a-week pay rise to farm workers, having argued incapacity to pay. And the Australian Wool Corporation used its bargaining power to negotiate cuts in Australia-Europe wool freight rates.



Stock deaths last year have led to a rise in meat prices

In the long term, Australia's export-oriented rural sector faces a marketing problem. In the 1970s there was a rapid rise in wheat traded on world markets as the centrally-planned economies moved to improve their people's diet. High grain prices, however, also drove many importers into successful programmes towards self-sufficiency, to the extent that the only markets for Australia now with potential for high imports are South America and Africa, neither with capacity to pay for them.

Australia had done well in meeting the high Middle East demand for grain. Even now, in the worst of circumstances, it is still selling a million tonnes a year to both Iraq and Iran.

EEC wheat export tonnages, which stood at 5 to 7 million tonnes a year in the 1970s and reached 10 million tonnes in 1979-80, have leapt to an estimated 14 million tonnes in 1982-83, giving Australian growers something to think about.

Australian producers' hostility towards the European Community is at first glance surprising, since there is little direct competition for sales. But producers have two grounds for concern. First, subsidized exports drive down prices generally. Secondly, when the EEC and the United States conduct a price war with each other, smaller fry like Australia are trampled underfoot.

In wheat, direct Australia-EEC competition is occurring in China, where the EEC offers freight and other subsidies. This helped put nearly 900,000 tonnes into China in the second half of last year. Australia has an agreement with China for 1.5 to 2.5 million tonnes of wheat a year, subject to price, and last year no sales resulted because of a price disagreement.

The EEC also causes Australia problems with subsidized flour sales to Sri Lanka, forcing other suppliers into markets served by the Australians.

As far as sugar is concerned, Australian growers are fed up with what they see as the undermining by the EEC of the International Sugar Agreement (ISA), of which the European Community is not a member. Australia, a low-cost producer with a lot of reserve capacity, has been limiting its exports only to see the EEC take advantage of this forebearance with big rises in its uneconomic beet sugar industry.

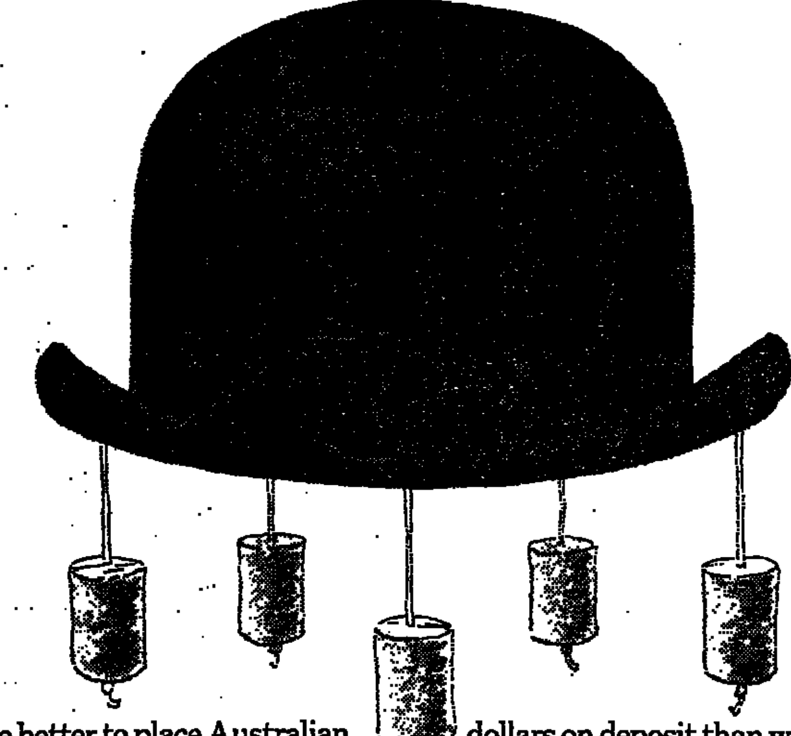
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WORLD WHEAT PRODUCTION & TRADE

(million tonnes)

	10-year average 1972/73 to 1981/82		1982/83 estimate	
	Prod.	Trade	Prod.	Trade
Argentina	7.7	3.4	14.5	9.0
Australia	12.5	9.1	8.7	9.0
Canada	18.7	14.2	27.6	20.0
EEC	44.3	8.0	59.5	14.0
USA	55.7	34.1	76.4	41.5
Total: major exporters	138.9	68.8	186.7	93.5
World total	403.8	74.8	476.3	98.7

Source: International Wheat Council





MINING

Digging deeper for new markets

Even a limited inspection of Australia's vast mineral and mining industries can be a daunting task which takes you across the continent, sometimes through inhospitable and barely accessible regions.

However, the heady days of *far-flung and enthusiastic development* are over for the time being and "quarry" Australia, with its resources exposed to domestic and world pressures, is having to face up to tough times. A visitor to iron and coal mines these days finds much belt-tightening and fretting about cutbacks.

"This is one of the most difficult times in our history," says Mr John Wruck, a senior executive of Utah Development Company, the biggest coking coal producer in Australia, which is about to be taken over by Australia's largest industrial company, Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP).

The immediate problems are *largely the result of a prolonged* worldwide recession. The iron ore and coal businesses have been especially hard-hit. Other metals – Australia produces aluminium, bauxite, antimony, asbestos, chrysolite, bismuth, copper, gold, lead, manganese, mineral sands, natural gas, nickel, phosphate, silver, tin, tungsten, uranium and zinc – have suffered in varying degrees.

Australia, however, faces a longer-term challenge, so far tackled only half-heartedly. Since none of its resources monopolize the world market, the country must open up new markets and maintain its international cost competitiveness in old ones, at a time when whatever advantages it once possessed are being whittled away by newcomers.

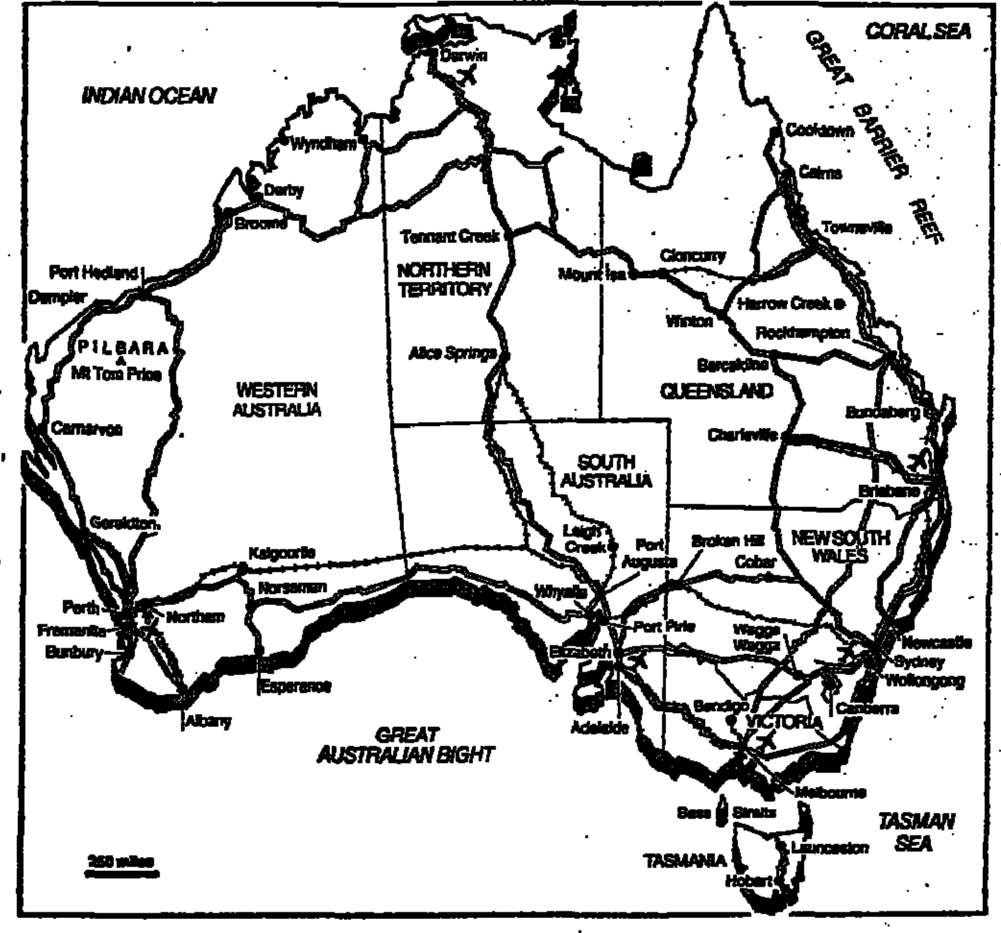
Australian miners are hampered by high inflation (still double-digit), a fickle labour force organized along Byzantine lines which at the same time tends to promote industrial unrest, and governments – state and federal – which have strongly supported development, but which at the same time tend to consider underground resources as a cornucopia created for tax purposes only.

The problems include high levels of direct taxation, and indirect levies such as high rail costs on state-operated, though sometimes privately financed, rail links. The current federal government would like to rationalize the taxation of *resources, and has proposed a* resource rent tax in vague terms, which could be based on, say, a mininum rate of return on investments.

The intention in theory would be to replace other, somewhat arbitrary, tax schemes which now exist. State governments, however, are reluctant to turn more control *of taxes over to the federal* government. And businessmen fear that any new tax plan, despite good intentions, will result ultimately in more and not less taxes.

Australian businessmen can no longer be complacent about their ability to market what they can mine. Gone are the days when billion-dollar development efforts could be supported on the basis of long-term contracts with Japan. Japan's steel and power industries are pressing hard to cut back and save on contracts. Australian businessmen are having to sharpen their negotiating skills. They are also scrambling to diversify into new markets, none of which looks quite as fat and profitable as in the past.

New and old customers are becoming more fickle about quality control and consistency of supplies. Miners must know more these days about technology than simply how to dig the raw material out of the ground.



From the coastal town of Karratha, built to support mine development in Western Australia's arid northwest, a twin-engine Beechcraft takes *about 40 minutes to cross a* seemingly endless reddish-brown expanse of desolate wilderness, dotted with scrawny brush and heat-baked gum trees, to arrive in iron ore country.

The destination, Hammersley Iron's Mount Tom Price, the richest deposit of ore in the Pilbara, looms below like a massive rust-coloured sand castle. Its man-made contours testify to tens of millions of tons of ore which have already been carted by train nearly 250 miles to a seaside port, and then to blast furnaces, mainly in Japan.

Hammersley is operating at 36 million tons a year, against a peak of 39 million tons in 1980, and its sales are running at only 31 million tons. Paradoxically, recent industrial disputes stoppages have posed the problem of maintaining enough stocks, more than 60 per cent of which go to Japan, to load onto incoming ore carriers at the port of Dampier.

More than 1,800 miles to the east, in the sprawling Bowen basin of Queensland, one of the largest coal discoveries in the world is being systematically dug from the earth. However, production at Utah Development's Harrow Creek is being deliberately restrained because of low demand for coking coal in Japan.

Production of the easily accessible coal, nearest the surface, is also down. Utah's production is running 6.5 million tons below its 22 *million tons* of annual capacity. Though sales are inching up, reducing stocks somewhat, mines are faced with the prospect of 20 million tons of new annual capacity of coal coming on stream in Canada and elsewhere around the world by next year, further tipping the scales against producers.

About half a dozen new mines are in Australia itself, where a surge in demand from Japan since the 1970s encouraged a massive amount of investment for both coking coal, used to make steel, and steaming coal as an energy alternative to oil.

The poor market situation was certainly borne out in price negotiations with Japan this year, when contract prices were about 20 per cent below last year. Negotiations on longer-term contracts now coming into force are due shortly, and Japan is putting on pressure for price reductions on these as well.

Australian miners are not pessimistic about their long-*term prospects*. Fortunately, the country has virtually unlimited supplies of high-quality minerals. The key, however, lies in Australia's ability to bring under control the excesses and bad habits of the past.

Richard Hanson

RACING

No horsing around Down Under

When Robert Sangster, the British millionaire racehorse owner, first arrived in Australia about 10 years ago, he thought it rather quaint that the country's biggest race was a two-mile handicap.

Mr Sangster, by his own admission, had a bit to learn about Australians and their racing and it took him until 1980, when he won the Melbourne Cup, to fully understand. He described the discovery, that day at Flemington racecourse, as "the thrill of my life".

"This is better than Epsom or Paris," *he said*. "*This is a win* of the heart. That's what the Melbourne Cup is all about – tradition and feeling."

The Cup is indeed the heartbeat of Australian racing, even though it is common for horses with the limited ability of Mr Sangster's Beldale Ball to win. The Derby and other three-year-old classics are of course important, but not in the way that they are in almost every other country in the world. Comparisons between Australia and elsewhere are virtually useless because racing, and the way it is approached, is so different.

Consider the following:

● Weight-for-age (wfa) racing may be the most glamorous section of the sport, but it still does not have the general appeal of a major handicap. More than once in recent years Australia's best horses, with a string of wfa victories behind them, have not been able to win full public acclaim until proving themselves in major handicaps.

● Most of the big race winners, including two champions of the last decade, Manikato and Kingston Town, are geldings. It seems that a colt only has to win a couple of two-year-old races, and he is syndicated and sent to stud without proving himself over a distance.

● Because of the emphasis on speed at stud, if a horse does happen to win major staying races he is often snubbed by breeders.

Australians love their horses. With more than 50 racetracks in the state of Victoria alone and hundreds throughout the country there is little chance of escape from horse talk, either in the city or in the remotest outback area.

It is in the tiny bush towns that the character of racing is often at its strongest. Walk into any pub and it is odds on that on the wall will be a photo of a horse winning a race, sometimes even a wall covered in photos. If the publican doesn't own the horse himself, perhaps it belongs to the cousin of the wife of the publican's best friend.


Neck and neck at Newcastle race course, NSW

Off-course Totalisator Agency Boards (TABs) are situated in every large suburb and town, providing an ever increasing range of services. What started as sombre, tiny buildings requiring bets to be placed at least half an hour before a race and payouts held over to the next day, have become colourful places with betting up to the start of race, immediate payouts, televisions and display of approximate dividends.

There is also saturation coverage by the media. Daily newspapers provide fields and riders for every meeting on which the TAB operates and produce a full form guide for the main meeting. The Melbourne evening paper, *The Herald*, publishes a 12-page guide to all Saturday meetings on Friday nights and the morning papers produce four-page liftouts. All that is on top of the myriad strictly racing publications.

More and more meetings are now being televised live but, more importantly, every single race on which the TAB operates is *broadcast* live on radio. Saturday morning radio is mind-boggling. One station starts at 8 am with a half-hour preview recorded the day before. At 8.30 am another preview, live, commences with up-to-date information on runners, a track report, and reports of weekly gallops. That lasts half an hour, and then it is *time for the official scratchings* and bookmakers' markets.

At 9.30 am the scratchings are checked again and another preview given. At 10 am it is time for the scratchings again and then a talk-back show operates until 11 am, with callers asking racing questions to a panel of experts. Then the scratchings and markets are checked. The talk-back show then resumes until about midday, when the scratchings are checked once again. After that comes another preview with the same previewer offering the same tips.

Once racing starts, up to 40 races an afternoon are broadcast, with TAB approximate odds given every ten minutes or so. At the end of the day there is a review and soon after comes a preview for the harness racing and greyhound meetings that night.

Australian racing, in many ways, is a game for young men and for people who have never had much luck. The foresight of Mr Sangster enabled him to penetrate the industry so quickly, that in only a few years he became the biggest owner in the country. But there are literally thousands of small owners.

The best example again comes from Mr Sangster. On one of his early visits he strolled into a Melbourne hotel and was asked by the porters how they should go about leasing a horse. Owners in Australia are spread throughout the community. Even porters can race horses.

In Australia, leasing is common and small syndicates have become the rage. In some instances, with the right provincial trainer, you can pay little more than $A20 a week for a sixth share in a horse capable of winning in the metropolitan area. Stakes are good.

Said Mr Sangster: "You can buy a yearling for $A30,000 to $A40,000 (£17,850 to £23,800) with a very good chance of earning that money on the racecourse. One in a hundred could do that in Europe."

There are even better examples. Manikato, the outstanding Australian sprinter of the last ten years and winner of more than $A1 million in stake money, cost $A3,500 as a yearling. Kingston Town, winner of close to $A2 million and Australasian record holder, was offered for sale as a yearling and could not reach his reserve of $A5,000.

Three years ago Mr Sangster found out first-hand about the opportunities for even the cheapest horses. He owned the favourite for Victoria's premier sprint, the Newmarket, but his runner, Sportscast, could finish only second to one of the rank outsiders, Dor Kon.

Dor Kon's sire had earlier been banished to the outback to sire stock horses. Dor Kon was to have been sent to Hongkong unraced, yet a battling trainer, who rarely had city runners let alone winners, liked the look of the unfashionable gelding and paid the princely sum of $A250 for him.

It is results like that which lead many to the conclusion that Australian racing provides value for money. Australians may do things in strange ways compared to Europe, but they do them well.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 698.2 up 2.9
FT Gilts: 81.66 up 0.22
FT All Share: 439.42 down 1.53
Bargains: 19,819
New York: Dow Jones Average: 1272.66 down 11.90
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,493.09 down 69.39
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 735.36 down 18.60
Amsterdam: 152.8 up 1.4
Sydney: AO Index 704.7 down 2.8
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 969.30 down 1.10
Brussels: General Index 128,79 up 0.06
Paris: CAC Index 141.3 up 0.4
Zurich: SKA General 289.3 unchanged

CURRENCIES

LONDON
Sterling $1.5065 down 40pts
Index 83.7 down 0.2
DM 3.90 down 0.125
FrF 11.9150 down 0.0550
Yen 350 down 2.0
Dollar
Index 125.7 up 0.1
DM 2.5875
NEW YORK
Sterling $1.5070
Dollar DM 2.5885
INTERNATIONAL
ECU£0.577547
SDR£0.710333

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9
3 month interbank 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9⁹⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₁₆
3 month DM 5⅞-5¾
3 month Fr F 15¼-15

US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9⅝
Treasury long bond 102⁷⁄₁₆-102¾

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 7, to October 4, 1983 inclusive: 9.719 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $400.50 pm $399
close $398.25-399 (£264-264.50)
New York latest: $399
Krugerrand* (per coin): $411-413 (£272.50-273.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $94-95 (£62.25-63)
*Excludes VAT

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Waring & Gillow (Holdings), Hallam Tower Hotel, Sheffield (noon).
McKay Securities, 18 Parkside, Knightsbridge (noon).
Star Computer, 64 Great Eastern Street EC2 (10am).
Spear (J. W.) & Sons, Richard House, Green Street, Enfield (noon).

TODAY

Interims: Ash & Lacy, R Cartwright Holdings, Cass Group, First Castle Electronics, Fogarty, Greenbank, Industrial Holdings, Helene of London, London Sumatra Plantations, Steel Brothers Holdings, Spirax-Sarco Engineering, United Parcels, J O Walker and Co.
Finals: Armour Trust, Bejam Group, CPU Computers, T C Harrison, Pochin's, Scottish Metropolitan Property.

NOTEBOOK

Ward White Group, the retail footwear and manufacturing group, yesterday announced details of a £10.7m rights issue. The company also announced a 40 per cent increase in pretax profits to £2.1m in the six months to June 30 Page 22

Pretax profits at Waterford Glass, the Irish glass and chinaware company, rose by 15 per cent to IR£3.8m in the six months to June 30. The company was helped by improved sales in the United States Page 22

● FMC, Britain's largest slaughterhouse group which is still considering a management buy-out offer, has sold its Northern Ireland meat plant at Newry to the Anglo Irish Meat Company for £450,000 cash. Stocks are raising another £230,000 in cash.

In a full year this is expected to contribute about £68,000 to FMC's pretax profits compared to a pretax and interest loss from the Newry operation of £547,000 in the last full year.

State spending and borrowing still racing ahead

Money growth on target as M3 falls for first time in four years

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The Government's main measure of money supply, sterling M3, fell last month for the first time in more than four years to bring monetary growth back on target.

But Government spending and borrowing are still running well over planned levels. The emergency measures announced by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, in July to cut borrowing by £1,000m this year have yet to bite.

The Bank of England said yesterday that sterling M3 fell by a provisional 0.5 per cent in the five weeks to mid-September. This was the first drop since March 1979. Since February, sterling M3 has risen at an annual rate of 9.75 per cent, well within the 7 to 11 per cent target band, and sharply down from last month's annualized rate of 12.4 per cent.

After rapidly accelerating monetary growth in the spring, the last three months have seen almost no increase in sterling M3, as government borrowing has slowed and the authorities have stepped up sales of gilts to mop up excess cash.

Growth of the other money measures has also slackened, although they remain above target.

The authorities have made it clear that last week's 0.5 per cent cut in interest rates, which came after the Bank had received early intimation that the money supply figures would be good, would be the last for some while.

They are anxious to keep monetary growth within the target range over the coming months, at a time when borrowing from the banks is likely to remain buoyant and the Government must sell a lot of gilts just to replace maturing debt.

According to the London clearing banks, however, lending was modest last month, with almost all of it accounted for by personal borrowers, half of this for house purchases.

Bank lending overall is expected to total less than £1,000m when the final figures are announced next week, compared with £1,226m in August.

Heavy government borrowing has also proved a problem for monetary control. In the first six months of the 1983-84 financial year, central government borrowed £8,842m, compared with £5,595m over the same period last year. In September alone, central government borrowed £1,155m compared with £307m a year earlier.

Much of this extra borrowing has replaced loans from private sources, neutralizing its effects on public sector borrowing overall (which includes borrowing by central government, town halls and state industries from all sources).

But spending by government departments is also running well above plans, up by 9.4 per cent in the first six months of 1983-84 from a year earlier, compared with a Budget forecast for growth of only 5.4 per cent.

MONEY GROWTH

	Sept 83 %	Feb-Sept 83 at annual rate
M1	–¼	11½
£M3	–½	9¾
PSL2	+¼	13
target band Feb 83-April 84 at annual rate		7-11

Source: Bank of England

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BORROWING REQUIREMENT

	Monthly total £m	Cumulative total £m
1982-83		
March	2,813	12,613
1983-84		
April	1,192	1,192
May	1,717	2,909
June	2,547	5,456
July	932	6,388
Aug	1,299	7,687
Sept	1,155	8,842

Source: Treasury

CBI chief still pessimistic on recovery

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Terence Beckett, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, yesterday warned the Government on the first day of the Conservative Party conference that the recession showed no signs of ending.

Risking ministerial criticism once again Sir Terence said that overall growth "is going to be very slow".

He said after meeting CBI leaders at Gateshead, Tyne and Wear that industrial recovery in the North-east was at a standstill and prospects were flat. Considerable differences were to be found throughout the country but for every two or three companies showing an increase in business, a further two or three were showing a decrease.

The only bright spots in an otherwise bleak outlook for the North-east were the chemical, car components and building materials sectors. But despite the problems, he said, there was no case for increased regional aid.

Any rise in regional support should go to the West Midlands which was suffering more than elsewhere from recession.

Head count: long and winding queue as brokers flocked to cast their votes in the City yesterday (Photograph: John Voos).

Brokers applaud 'open door' deal

By Wayne Linott

Stockbrokers yesterday voted overwhelmingly in favour of the deal worked out by the Stock Exchange Council and the Government to avoid an appearance before the Restrictive Practices Court by the Exchange.

At a packed City meeting possibly the largest in the memory of Stock Exchange members, 860 members voted in favour, while 63 voted against.

Many of the members – about 1,500 attended – could not get into the 600-seat Chartered Insurance Institute hall and were left outside.

A poll vote of the entire 4,000 membership was demanded but withdrawn when insufficient signatories supported the motion.

The members were voting on the introduction of lay members to the council and appeals committee and the abolition of fixed commissions.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, said that the lay members, all of whom have to be approved by the Bank of England, could become senior figures on the council including chairman.

He said that the next step was for the Goverment to introduce legislation to remove the Exhange from the Restrictive Practices Court.

Sir Nicholas said the result enabled the council to "go forward doing everything we can to ensure we continue to run a competitive and well regulated central market."

He said the Stock Exchange had been in "an intolerable position" with the restrictive practices case

The solution was not a question of a good choice or a bad choice, but "an exercise in risk analysis which is something brokers and jobbers are well qualified to undertake", he said.

Of those members voting against, particularly representatives of the smaller companies, some felt that although Sir Nicholas had "won a battle the war would continue", as one said after the meeting.

US 'in line to meet IMF deadline'

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The Reagan Administration is increasingly confident that it will meet the November 30 deadline for approval of the delayed US quota increase for the International Monetary Fund, despite continuing deadlock in Congress, Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Regan said he now expects Congress to pass legislation authorizing America's $8.4 billion share of the badly-needed quota increase by early next month.

Appearing much more confident of passage than at the recently concluded IMF annual meetings, Mr Regan said the administration's behind-the-scene negotiating with key members of Congress is having a favourable effect.

Specifically, he indicated that appeals from other Governments and warnings of considerable upheaval in the international banking system, have prompted a growing number of reluctant Congressmen to change their minds

Mr Regan indicated that with a little more armtwisting he expected the legislation to be stripped of some crippling, politically-motivated amendments which are unacceptable to both the administration and the IMF and have, therefore, prevented a final vote.

Both houses of Congress have passed legislation approving the increased funds but the Bills differ considerably and leaders of both parties have been unable to resolve their differences in conference.

The IMF has set a November 30 deadline for member nations to approve the quota increase

In recent weeks, top administration officials, including President Reagan, have been contacting members of Congress to urge them to resolve their differences and approve the legislation speedily.

City Editor's Comment

Building bridges to rescue Brazil

When Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, said in Honolulu that Brazil may need bridging finance to tide it over, even if everyone agrees to the $11 billion rescue package now being assembled, he was doing no more than stating the obvious.

The likelihood of a bridge loan being needed has been apparent for some time to many bankers and government officials. At present Brazil is cut off from external finance; as the rescue package has become more complex, so it has become increasingly interrelated.

Until there are firm commitments from commercial banks to provide their $6.5 billion share of the $11 billion required through to the end of next year and until Brazil has agreed to the International Monetary Fund's economic measures, there is little prospect of the country receiving new funds from any source

Putting the pieces of this complex jigsaw together is going to take some time. Even if commercial banks agree in principle to stump up the extra money required, it will be some time before the funds can be drawn.

In the meantime, US banks will be getting increasingly worried about interest arrears and non-performing loans and the problem of Brazil meeting IMF targets will also arise again.

Brazil may, for instance, be unable to meet IMF targets for the fourth quarter of this year on building up reserves and reducing interest arrears if new funds are delayed too long.

For these reasons a bridging loan looks not so much likely as essential and the more interesting aspect of Mr Volcker's remarks was the hint he gave that the US government might be prepared to contribute. Asked about US government participation, Mr Volcker said the matter would have to be looked at once the commercial loan restructuring was in place.

It would be unwise to read too much into this. A big bridging operation by Western governments, for instance, looks unlikely at this stage.

The British Government has already annoyed the British banks and caused embarrassment in Threadneedle Street by refusing to chip in to another element of the $11 billion package – the $2.5 billion of govenment guarantees for trade credits – so it is hard to see the British Government for one taking part in a bridging loan.

There is also a marked reluctance in Washinton to the idea of bridging into the $6.5 billion commercial bank loan. US officials stress that before any bridging finance could be provided, there must be a clear means of repayment at the end of the loan and in the past such operations have generally been arranged to allow repayment from IMF disbursements.

However, the scope for a bridging loan of this sort is limited simply because once the IMF resumes disbursing blocked loans to Brazil, the money will have to go to repaying the long-overdue bridging loan from the Bank for International Settlements

At the end of the day, therefore, the burden of providing bridging finance to Brazil is likely to be shoved firmly back at the commercial banks. Mr Volcker's remarks may be taken as an indication that the US govenment will be prepared to participate but it is likely to expect the commercial banks to provide the lion's share.

In the meantime, however, much work still needs to be done to ensure that the issue of bridging finance is not simply academic. The immediate challenge in the days and weeks ahead is to persuade hundreds of reluctant banks to contribute towards the $6.5 billion commercial banks loan. It is not going to be easy.

Stocks hit by oil crisis fear

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Wall Street stocks, depressed by the prospect of a Middle East oil crisis, were broadly lower in heavy early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down about 7 points after falling 8.33 in the morning.

However, among the second tier of issues prices weakened with declining issues ahead of advances two to one.

Although many oil analysts discount serious effects of Iran's threat to block oil shipments in the Persian Gulf, spot crude prices have risen sharply and that has given the stock market the jitters.

WALL STREET

Leading oils were down, with **Exxon** at 38down ¼; **Phillips** at 35¼ was down ⅜; **Texaco** at 36¾ was down ⅜; **Atlantic Richfield** at 47⅛ was down ⅝ and **Standard of California** at 36⅛ was down ½.

International Paper at 55⅝ was up ¾; **Modular Computer Systems** at 9½ was down ¾; **Warner Communications** at 22 was down ⅛; **Boeing** at 42½ was down ¾; **Northrop** at 82 was up 1⅝; **Comdisco** at 23 was down 1; **Hospital Corporation of America** at 47¾ was up ⅛; **American Medical International** at 31⅛ was down ⅞ and **Levi Strauss** at 47⅛ was down ⅝.

IBM at 133⅝ was down ⅝; **General Motors** at 77 was down ¾; **Merck** at 102⅜ was down ½; **American Express** at 39½ was down ⅛.

All clear for laundry bid battle

By Philip Robinson

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary for Trade and Industry, yesterday ended one takeover battle for control of a laundry group and opened another.

He cleared two interrelated takeovers of any Monopolies Commission investigation. This means Pritchard Services, a contract cleaning group, may take control of Spring Grove and that Brengreen (Holdings), Pritchard's rivals in the cleaning business, may pursue its £31.5m takeover of Sunlight Services, without fear of a Government investigation.

Sunlight had itself been a rival to Pritchard in a bitter battle for control of Spring Grove. Breengreen had made clear that it would not proceed with its offer had Sunlight bought Spring Grove.

In his statement, Mr Parkinson said effectively that as Pritchard had won, there was no need to make a formal statement on the Sunlight offer.

However, had there been, the merger would have been referred for investigation.

Indications that this would be the case filtered through from the Office of Fair Trading to Sunlight early last month. And last year the Monopolies Commission blocked rival takeovers of Johnson Group Cleaners by Sunlight and Initial and made it clear that takeovers of the top six laundry buinesses by one of them would likely attract a further investigation. Both Sunligh and Spring Grove are among the top half dozen laundry companies.

Sunlight's price rose 25p on the stock market last night to 240p. Brengreen's rose 8½p to 100p. At that price Brengreen's five for two share swop values Sunlight at 250p.

On its first closing date a fortnight ago, Brengreen's offer had attracted acceptances of just 3.7 per cent of Sunlight's equity.

Mr David Evans, Brengreen chairman, said yesterday: "That was before everything was much clearer. Our offer was conditional on Sunlight not winning Spring Grove.

"I think we will now succeed with our bid for Sunlight. We have time to increase the offer under the rules, and we will if we feel it is necessary."

LAUNDRY INDUSTRY TAKEOVERS

	Predator	Target	Value	Result
1982				
June	Spring Grove	St George's	£7.6m	completed
July	Sunlight	Johnson Group	£30m	MMC blocked
	Initial	Johnson Group		MMC blocked
1983				
August	Pritchard	Spring Grove	£15m	completed
	Sunlight	Spring Grove	£21m	lost
	Brengreen	Sunlight	£31m	undecided

Hongkong plans to rescue Grand Marine

By Our Financial Staff

A rescue bid was launched yesterday for Grand Marine Holdings, a shipping subsidiary of the stricken Carrian Holdings, the financial and property group.

Grand Marine reached agreement in principle with its 12 creditor banks to reschedule its debts, according to reports from Hongkong.

The scheme, master-minded by Wardley, the Hongkong bankers, will cover an initial two and a half year period from the end of last month said Grand Marine's chief executive Mr Nicholas Asimakopulos.

The Wardley plan apparently includes the suspension of interest payments on debts of about $120m (£79m) and is designed to help Grand Marine to trade out of its problems.

NCB offshoot leads Israel oil search

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

A British company jointly owned by the National Coal Board and English China Clay has been helping Israel in its search for offshore oil, it was confirmed yesterday.

The company, Horizon Exploration, has completed a geophysical survey of offshore waters in the eastern Mediterranean for the Israel National Oil Corporation. It is the first step towards the opening up of Israel's offshore area to exploration drilling by international companies.

Although it has been reported before that a British company was involved in seismic work for the Israelis, its identity has remained a mystery. Horizon Explorations was anxious to play down publicity surrounding the disclosure yesterday, on the grounds that it could damage its business prospects elsewhere in the world.

The company which is owned equally by the two partners, was established about 10 years ago by English China Clays. The National Coal Board took its share in the business in 1979.

Both the Department of Energy and the coal board said yesterday that the company operated as an independent concern.

While the coal board has been exporting coal to Israel since 1981, the Government has repeatedly refused to sanction the export of North Sea Oil to Israel – a policy reiterated last week by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary for Energy.

Brewery takeover hits snag of special clause

Peculiar quarrel at Theakston's

By Derek Pain

A peculiar takeover brew was fermenting yesterday at the Yorkshire brewery of T. and R. Theakston, the 150-year-old business famed for its Old Peculier strong beer.

Theakston is a public but unquoted company which is 48 per cent owned by the London Trust, once one of Britain's more adventurous investment trusts but now busy reducing its involvement.

Last month, *The Times* disclosed that Mr Micheal Abrahams, famed for revitalizing the AW (Securities) carpet group in the 1960s, had agreed to acquire much of the London Trust shareholding and planned to underwrite a rights issue which sould have given him control.

But Mr Abrahams, it seems, was not to the taste of Mr Paul Theakston, the company chairman and a member of the founding family.

He was so upset by the Abrahams scheme that he approached Matthew Brown, the Blackburn-based brewery which has been pushing into Yorkshire.

Mr Patrick Townsend, Brown's chairman, produced an offer which, its seems, is not far removed from Theakston's £2.4m asset value and which won over London Trust and at least some memvers of the Theakston family. As a result Matthew Brown was set to gain control – or was it?

For Theakston shares contain special, pre-exemption rights which, in effect, mean that existing shareholders must first offer their shares to other shareholders before selling to an outsider.

This arrangement was designed to prevent the company falling into the hands of an unwelcome bidder.

The Brown deal is conditional on the problems created by these provisions being surmounted. Yesterday, it was by no means certain that these difficulties would be resolved, athough there are signs that now the Theakston conflict has come into the open, other bidders will be tempted to try their luck.

Theakston is a great beer name and all this activity could well lead to the sort of auction most family controlled companies seek to avoid.

There were suggestions that at least two other breweries had expressed interest in the company, which has a brewery at Masham, another at Carlisle, and 10 pubs.

Theakston, which named its prized beer after an ancient ecclesiastic court which used to meet at Masham, achieved profits of about £275,000 from sales of £9m in its last financial year.

But it has clearly found the going tough in recent years and could do with a helping hand.

London Trust's managing director, Mr Henry Berens, admits he has changed sides because the Matthew Brown offer is higher.

Wavy Line and Mace shops to be merged

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Booker McConnell, whose retailing division includes the Budgen supermarkets chain, is to amalgamate its interests in the Mace and Wavy Line grocery shops.

Marketing changes for Mace and Wavy Line have yet to be decided. Both names are expected to be kept and it is likely that there will be a combined Mace-Wavy Line logo for shop fronts.

The names are also likely to be retained for own-label lines in the shops. There are about 2,800 Mace retailers and 60 per cent of them are supplied by Booker McConnell, whose chairman is Mr Michael Caine.

Other wholesalers supply Mace outlets in Northern Ireland, northern Scotland and East Anglia. These as well as the retailers will be involved in talks on combining the names.


Abbott: New chief.

All 1,000 Wavy Line retailers are already under the Booker umbrella since Booker's took over Kinloch, the wholesalers which developed the chain.

Mr Derek Abbott, who has been in charge of Wavy Line will be chief executive of the combined groups.

Mace and Wavy Line account for about 1.5 per cent of the packaged groceries market in England, Wales and Scotland. The Spar chain is the largest of the symbol groups with rather more than 2.5 per cent market share.

Independent grocers, including the symbol groups, have been losing market share for years. In 1980 their share was about 14 per cent, but this has now become about 10 per cent.

But the symbol groups have been fighting back with increased promotional campaigns and shop improvements.

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In-fighting overshadows sugar price talks

Sugar prices have shown a certain resilience in the aftermath of the in-fighting which took place over the recent Geneva talks on the future of the International Sugar Agreement, but it seems unlikely that the price will rise much above its present range of 9 cents to 12 cents a pound.

This is hardly an encouraging background for the negotiations between key members of the ISA, due to resume in London next month.

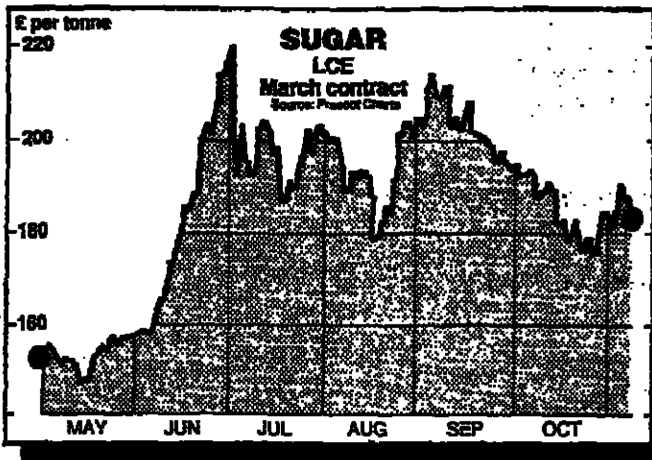
In this market, at least, the fundamentals appear to hold sway reasonably. After surpluses of just under 9 million tonnes in 1981-82 and 6.5 million tonnes in 1982-83, the present crop year should result in a deficit of about 1.5 million tonnes on production of between 92 million and 93 million tonnes.

The outcome is largely the result of bad weather in South Africa, Australia, and the European Community, and might have been expected to push prices up.

But three factors have militated against a price rise. The first is simply that the market has already discounted the possibility of a rare supply deficit. The big surge in the spring, which saw the sugar price almost double from about 6 cents a pound, came after gloomy supply forecasts.

To point out that the rise only just placed sugar within the limits of the ISA is to highlight how desperate was the position.

The second influence is that stocks are at a record. Estimates vary from 36 million to 42 million tonnes, but whatever the true figure they are equivalent to four or five months



supply. And that does not take into account the increasing share of the sweetener market being seized by artificial products.

Both of these factors overhung the talks in Geneva two weeks ago. So perhaps most decisive has been the market's instinctive scepticism about the nature of new sugar pact.

On the one hand the sugar producers are anxious that the EEC, whose surpluses they blame for undermining the expiring agreement, should be party to the next.

However, the EEC's suggestion that security stocks are necessary to support prices is not welcomed by producers such as Brazil who must sell every grain they grow and can scarcely afford to finance reserves of sugar.

On present showing, politics will dictate that a new agreement is reached; but it will not cause significantly higher prices.

Ward White

Ward White Group
Half-year to 31.7.83
Pretax profit £2.1m (£1.5m)
Stated earnings 3.54p (3.13p)
Turnover £79.2m (£52.7m)
Net interim dividend 1.54p (1.4p)
Share price 96p down 11p Yield
Dividend payable 28.11.83

Ward White Group is still looking for retail acquisitions despite its progress in expanding its footwear retail business in the past year.

Yesterday the group announced details of a one-for-three rights issue of 13,109,960 new shares at 85p per share underwritten by Morgan Grenfell to halve its gearing to about 30 per cent of shareholders funds.

The shares dipped by 11p to 96p on the news, but the board said that this was an over reaction to the expansion in the group's share capital.

A series of meetings have been fixed with brokers to talk over the problem, which the company believes is due to lack of understanding about the dramatic changes in the past year to Ward's structure.

The extent of the transformation of the group from a shoe manufacturing, distribution and engineering concern to a footwear retailing operation is shown in the interim balance sheet which shows a 40 per cent rise in pretax profits to £2.1m, compared with the same stage last year. Turnover in the six months to June 30 grew by 50 per cent to £79.2m.

Footwear retailing produced 37 per cent of group profits against 7 per cent a year ago. Much of the increase stems from the acquisitions of the Turner and Frisby shoe stores chains in Britain and the addition of the Hofheimer stores in the US.

This brings the British operation to a £50m a year turnover, 370-store business, with the additional 113 stores in the US.

The shoe retailing trade traditionally provides two-thirds of its profits for the year in the second half which benefits from winter and pre-Christmas trading. This year should be no exception which makes Ward capable of £8m pretax profits at the year end, putting the company on a prospective fully taxed price earnings ratio of 10.5.

These calculations exclude the possibility of further shoe retailing acquisition. Ward White would like to increase its British retail business by half and double the US retailing operation withing the next few years.

The first target could be the Farmers chain, whose management is considering a buyout. But in any event Ward White is planning a fresh image which could mean a change of name to Focus for its Turners and Frisby stores.

The change of name could well come with a City re-rating of the shares to take into account the profit potential of the group.

Waterford Glass

Waterford Glass Group
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit Ir£3.8m (Ir£3.3m)
Stated earnings 1.95p (1.87p)
Turnover Ir£93m (Ir£91m)
Net interim dividend 0.6p (same)
Share price 21p unchanged

Pretax profits at Waterford Glass increased by 15 pr cent to Ir£3.8m (about £3.3m) in the six months to June 30 after a two-yuear lull in the group's 25-year steady profits growth record.

The main reason for the upturn was the improvement in the contribution from the traditional glass and china trading activities.

High operating costs and declining consumer spending hit demand for the Waterford glassware and the contribution from Smith Group, the Renault distributorship, the Switzer Group – the department store, which is 40 per cent owned by the House of Fraser – were also down.

The shares stand unchanged at 21p after yesterday's results and offer an unchanged interim dividend of 0.6p.

But despite the encouraging signs at the halfway stage, investors should not expect any improvement on last year's final pretax profits of Ir£8.49m unless there is some easing of the world recession and an improvement in consumer spending in the Irish market.

BHP

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's quixotic essay against the mighty Broken Hill Proprietary Company has failed, the Wigmores offer was allowed to lapse yesterday.

Sheer incredulity on the part of the small investors, Bell Group, hoped to woo must have played a part. But bad luck also intervened. Not long after the offer was announced, BHP discovered that its 50 per cent of the Jabiru NT/P26 block off of the Northern Territory might be another Bass Strait. BHP also has stakes in neighbouring properties, and that was enough to push the shares up by A$3 to just under A$13 at the moment.

Since this price is not greatly different from the value of the revised Wigmores offer, BHP shareholders could be forgiven for declining the risk of hitching their star to Mr Holmes à Court's wagon. A political accommodation with the Commonwealth government over steel protection and generally better news about the economy tipped the scales.

But using a minnow to catch the BHP pike has been a long nurtured ambition of Mr Holmes à Court and there were hints yesterday that he will be back when circumstances are propitious. By that time some might rue the day they did not take a modest share in Bell Group when the chance first arose.

China set to double British imports

By John Lawless

China opens its Canton trade fair on Saturday for a three-week commodities exhibition at which it expects to sew up deals for a quarter of its annual exports. But its sales drive in Britain has ground to a halt. British imports from China were worth £127m in the first seven months of this year, against £121m in the same period last year.

But there is no question of the talks over Hongkong's future having soured Sino-British trade relations, for our exports are set to double this year. They were worth £102m to July, compared with £103m for the whole of last year – and the export prospects in several fields look brighter than for five years.

Mr Peter Walker, Energy Secretary, said: "I am delighted to have received an urgent invitation from Tang Ke, Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources, to discuss areas in which Britain can develop a close working relationship."

He will be negotiating on coal and gas projects but the deal Britain hopes to land would give it a key role in the South China Sea oil exploration.

Britain's claim to have experience of similar conditions in the North Sea will be reinforced on Sunday, when Mr Qian Zhiong, deputy director of the National Bureau of Oceanography arrives. With seven specialists, he will spend two weeks discussing British environmental control techniques.

In other areas, a science and technology collaboration meeting in China last month has brought unusually fast results. The Chinese are to send a team of five biotechnologists to Britain on November 6, and are seeking cooperation in other extremely well-defined industrial sectors.

These include optical fibres for communications, power grid harmonics (in which the Central Electricity Generating Board is already working), space technology, meteorology and even flame-proofing for diesel engines.

There is now strong evidence to suggest that several British industries have managed to leap-frog the standard techniques of selling to China via general trade fairs.

Fewer companies will be present at this month's Canton fair, even though the Chinese have taken advertisements stating that it is for buying as well as selling. But in February at Tianjian, two hours drive from Peking, there is to be an all-British scientific instruments exhibition.

Aran issue to fund hunt for Irish oil

By Jeremy Warner

Aran Energy, the Irish Oil company, yesterday launched an IR£7.6m (£6m) rights issue to help step up its exploration programme in the Celtic Sea where an oil discovery was made recently by Gulf Oil 20 miles off County Waterford.

Aran is offering one new share at 35p (28p sterling for every three shares held. Justifying the exercise, the company said that although further drilling will be required in Block 49/9 of the Celtic Sea before the commercial prospects of the recent discovery are established, it believed that the odds of further successful exploration in the area had been considerably enchanced.

The directors believe the Gulf Oil find increases the likelihood of discoveries in its 74.7 per cent Marathon royalty area which is located about one mile from the discovery well

UK 'behind in setting up co-ops'

By Our Commercial Editor

Britain lags behind most European countries in the number of small businesses joining together to market their products, except in agriculture, according to a report* published yesterday by the London Enterprise Agency.

But there are signs that this may be changing. The recession has meant that more small businesses are looking at the possibilities of cooperative marketing. It is often the only way to tackle difficult export markets such as the Comecon countries and the Middle East.

New ventures have included worker cooperatives forming to produce mail order catalogues; cooperative franchising for household services; the cooperative setting up of exhibition centres (the Fashion Centre in Hackney is an example), and export marketing for food machinery. Some local authorities have been giving marketing assistance grants.

Much could be learned from the experience of cooperative marketing in the agricultural sector.

The report lists the advantages of cooperative marketing: reduced costs of promotion and distribution; better quality control; better negotiating power and the likelihood of gaining increased market share.

In Britain there are 400 agricultural marketing cooperatives. But Italy has 80,000 cooperatives and joint ventures, Japan has more than 5,000 trading houses and France more than 44,000 cooperatives.

Cooperative Marketing and Joint Trading for Small Firms by Economists Advisory Group; London Enterprise Agency, 69 Cannon Street, London EC4N 5AB; £12.50 (plus post £2.50).

Pirelli may shed 3,000

Milan (Agencies) – Pirelli is to cut 3,000 jobs at its Pirelli-Bicocca track tyre plant in Milan. The job losses are part of a reconstructing programme involving conversion from nylon-based track tyres to a more modern steel-belt version, the company said.

Negotiations have opened with unions in Rome over the planned job cuts, which will accompany the transfer of manufacture of the tyres from the Bicocca plant to a plant in Turin more suited to steel-belt production.

The jobs represent about 10 per cent of Pirelli's workforce in Italy, and about half that of the Bicocca plant, which will remain open for other activities.

Pirelli last month reported net profits of 18.8 billion lire (£8m) for the 12 months to the end of April and 21.1 billion for the 14 months to end-June.

● International Kregerrand sales rose to 274,520 ounces in September from 107,950 in August. They amounted to only 20,200 ounces in September, 1982.

Mergers planned

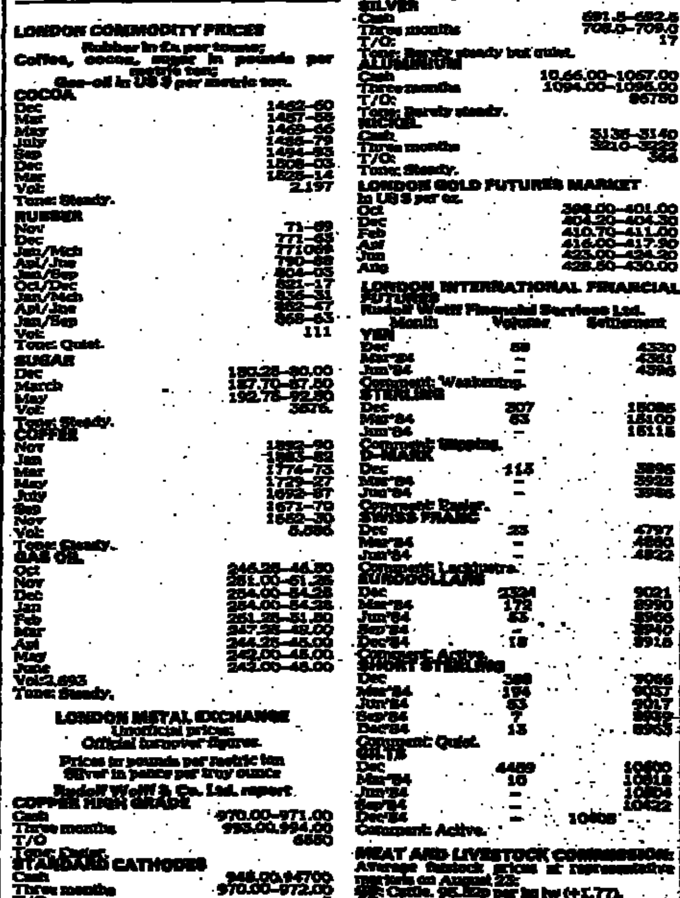
Senior profits halved

By Our Financial Staff

Senior Engineering Group
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £1.3m (£2.8m)
Stated earnings 1.08m (£1.75m)
Turnover £36.2m (£40m)
Net interim dividend 0.75p (same)
Share price 19p down 2.5p

Senior Engineering, the Watford group which has been expanding rapidly by acquisition this year, yesterday announced more than halved profits for the six months to the end of June.

Pretax profits fell from £2.8m to £1.3m on sales down from £40m to 36.2m. Trading continues to be unsatisfactory and signs of recovery in the United States and British economies have had little impact on the group, the company said in a statement. It has nevertheless left the half-year dividend unchanged at 0.75p.


Smith: recovery has had little impact.

The directors, including their chairman, Professor Roland Smith, who also runs the House of Fraser department stores group were in a board meeting and unavailable for comment.

At the same time, Senior announced rationalization moves resulting from its recent acquisition of Green's Economiser Group for £7.35m.

Demand has continued at a low level and margins have been under severe pressure in a number of the group's British companies.

The only divisions in the group to perform well during the half year were light engineering and air conditioning systems.

Bowthorpe results up despite French loss

By Our Financial Staff

Bowthorpe Holdings
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £6.9m (£6.1m)
Stated earnings 7.9p (7.5p)
Turnover £41.2m (£34.3m)
Net interim dividend 1.84p (1.67)
Share price 266p down 3p

Bowthorpe Holdings, the Crawley electrical components manufacturer, increased its pretax profits in the first half of this year despite the recession in France which caused losses at its subsidiary there.

Pretax profits rose from £6.1m to £6.9m on sales up from £34.3m to £41.2m. But the French offshoot, Cie Deutsche SA, reported a loss compared with a profit for the corresponding period last year. It is not expected to make a contribution in the remainder of the year either, despite the remedial action that has been taken.

However, other overseas companies will increasingly benefit from the economic upturn, the company said, while at home the group's order book was substantially higher than at the same time in 1982.

Although price competition is fierce and profit margins are under considerable pressure, the company is confident of another year of advance and increased profits. The half-year dividend has been increased from 1.67p to 1.84p.

The group spent £4.1m in January buying Tempo Instruments and Controls Corporation, a private United States electricals manufacturer.

In the first half of the year, the British companies increased pretax profits by 14 per cent and sales by 15 per cent.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Electronic Machine Company
Half-year to 30.4.83
Pretax profit £22.7m (£29.7m)
Stated earnings 0.52p (0.42p)
Turnover £958m (£1,070m)

Energy Services & Electronics
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £812,000 (£217,000)
Stated earnings 1.42p (0.37p)
Turnover £9.3m (£7m)
Net interim dividend 0.45p (0.4p)

Edinburgh Investment Trust
Half-year to 30.9.83
Net revenue £3.9m (£2.3m)
Turnover £8.6m (£5.1m)
Net interim dividend 1p (0.88p)

Chesterfield Properties
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £2.8m (£2.5m)
Stated earnings 6.73p (6p)
Turnover 24.2m (£3.9m)
Net interim dividend 3.75p (same)

Midland Marts Group
Half-year to 29.7.83
Pretax profit £201,000 (£170,000)
Stated earnings 3.5p (3.2p)
Turnover £1.3m (£1.3m)
Net interim dividend 1.25 (same)

William Sindall
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £270,000 (£203,000)
Stated earnings 26.2p (20.3p)
Turnover £9m (£13.4m)
Net interim dividend 2p (Nil)

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¾%
Consolidated Crds	9½%
Continental Trust	9½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000. [illegible]: £10,000 up to £50,000. [illegible]: £50,000 and over. 7¾%.

WALL STREET

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COMMODITIES

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APPOINTMENTS

New posts at Ernst & Whinney

Ernst & Whinney: Mr Bill Mackey has been made a managing partner of the United Kingdom operations. Mr Elwyn Eilledge, Mr Eric Grocock and Mr David Burgoyne have been made managing partners in London, Hull and Exeter respectively.

Associated Leisure: Mr B. B. Wood has been made finance director to succeed Mr R. H. Elworthy, who is retiring.

Laporte Industries (Holdings): Sir John Hedley Greenborough has joined the board as non-executive director.

Charles Barker Lyons: Mr Alan Ogden and Mr Harry Spencer-Smith have been appointed associate directors. Mr Roger Dence has been elected to the board. He is head of CBL's technology and industry division and will continue with this responsibility. Mr Tony Arrowsmith, chief executive of Charles Barker, Black & Gross, the Birmingham advertising and public relations agency in the Charles Barker Group will join the group board in January.

Howard Humphreys: Mr Howard S. McKenzie and Mr Roderick T. Whittaker have been appointed directors of the company.

Plessey: Mr James Stevenson has become managing director of Plessey Optoelectronics.

The Association of Hydraulic Equipment Manufacturers: Mr G. W. Mason, who is managing director of Mason Hydraulics has become chairman of the association.

FIBI Financial Trust: Lord Seiff of Brimpton has joined the board. He has also been elected chairman of FIBI Financial Trust, the British subsidiary of the First International Bank of Israel. Mr Moshe Meirav, recently appointed deputy general manager of The First International Bank of Israel, has joined the board.

Pointon of York: Mr Michael Teacher and Mr Terry Barnes have been made joint managing directors.

Taylor Woodrow Construction: Mr Geoffrey N. Davies has been appointed joint assistant managing director of the company.

Touche Remnant Group: Mr Peter Gray has been made managing director of Touche, Remnant & Co. and of Touche Remnant Holdings in succession to Mr George Hagus who has retired.

Bailey Morris explains why advice on raising taxes impressed the president

Reagan's lesson on public spending from a strong ally

It is too soon to tell whether the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, taught President Reagan an important economic lesson during her visit to Washington but there are nonetheless indications that her stern warnings on the size of the America deficit made an impact.

Mrs Thatcher told the President, in clear and simple terms, that based on her own experience in Britain she is convinced that he ought to take the unpopular step of raising taxes as soon as possible.

Mrs Thatcher's remarks gave strong support to administration critics who regard the burgeoning federal deficit as an imminent threat to the recovery.

The Prime Minister's comments also bolstered the efforts of Republicans and Democrats in Congress who are trying to face President Reagan to agree to a Domestic ecomomic summit conference to resolve the deficit problem before next year's elections.

"When I was not able to get public spending down, I took the view that if we are going to spend that kind of money, we must cover it honestly by taxation so that people know if they demand more and more expenditure, they must pay for it", Mrs Thatcher said.

Coming from anyone else, this advice would most certainly have been ignored by Mr Reagan who has stated strongly his intention to disregard the recommendations of some of his closest advisers and avoid tax incerease at all costs.

Just two days before Mrs Thatcher arrived, the President told finance ministers and central bankers attending the IMF's annual meeting, that he refused to compromise on either his supply-side economic programme or his arms build-up.

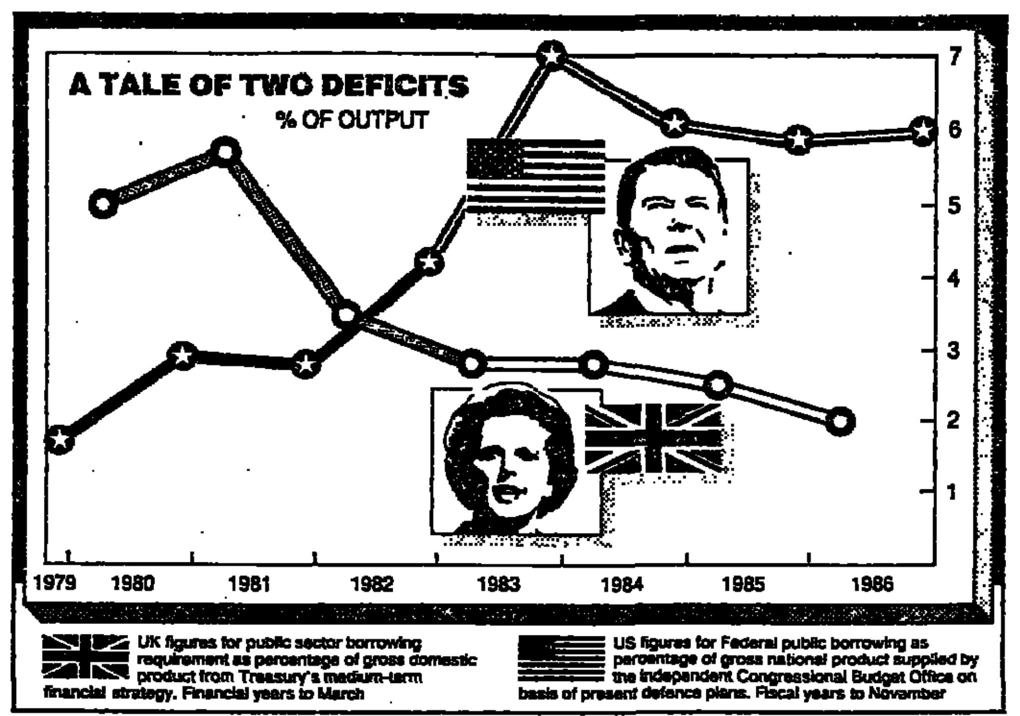
"He will not risk sabotaging our economic expansion in a short-sighted attempt to reduce deficits by raising taxes. Tax increases would actually reduce growth by discouraging savings, investment and consumption," Mr Reagan said.

But last week the Administration softened its position for the first time publicly when Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, said tax increases should be considered if Congress is unable to reduce public spending further.

It was unclear whether Mr Regan's remarks to the US Chamber of Commerce reflected his own fears over the impact of the deficit on the recovery or a shift in the president's thinking.

The president's earlier statements reflected his oft-repeated view that big budget deficits are not the cause of high interest rates and that both will gradually disappear once the recovery moves into high gear.

Mr Reagan's strict adherence to this view has triggered a sharp split with his Administration particularly among Cabinet officials who agree with Mrs Thatcher that big structural deficits do cause high interest rates and are therefore a threat to the world recovery.



Thatcher said that the $200bn US deficit threatened Britain's recovery

But the Administration's official line, as stated in addresses across the country by Mr Regan, the president's handpicked spokesman on economic matters, has remained unchanged despite alarming contradictory statements by Mr Martin Feldstein, the chief economic adviser.

Indeed, Mr Regan has told his influential audiences in recent weeks that the Treasury has completed a comprehensive study which showed clearly that there was no historical relation between big budget deficits and high interest rates.

Although the study has been criticized as "thin" and weak on supporting data, Mr Regan has attempted to cite its conclusions as sound reason for his decision to try to talk down interest rates rather than reduce them by cutting the federal deficit with increased tax revenues.

But Mr Feldstein has told groups across the country that the "reason for the very high level of long-term rates is undoubtedly the unprecedented level of the budget deficits now predicted for the years ahead".

Mr Feldstein said his most recent estimates indicated that the outstanding volume of public debt will more than double between now and 1988. "For the public to absorb this debt, a sharp rise in interest rates will be required," he added.

Speaking as a friend and strong supporter, Mrs Thatcher also gave warning that the $200bn plus American deficit threatened Britain's nascent recovery by keeping interest rates "at higher levels than they should be".

She said at a farewell press conference that she wanted to impress on President Reagan that this was bad news for Britain and for Europe's prospects generally.

Given the fact that Mrs Thatcher shares many of President Reagan's free-market views, her advice to take the politically unpopular step of raising taxes decidedly impressed the President, White House officials said.

From anyone else the advice would have been ignored by Reagan

"I don't know that it changed his views, but he is listening more intently to those arguing for tax increases", one official said.

Mrs Thatcher told the President and cabinet officials that she learnt an important lesson about taxes during her first big budget battle when she was unable to reduce the rate of public spending sufficiently and also wanted to cut direct tax rates sharply.

To do this, the Prime Minister said she had to take the politically unpopular step of raising the indirect tax rate by pushing through sharp increases in value-added tax to 15 per cent.

As a result of this offsetting action and other tough stands on taxes taken in 1981, public borrowing as a share of gross domestic product dropped sharply from an estimated 5 per cent in 1980 to 3 per cent in 1981-82 and 2.75 per cent in 1982-83.

Conversely, American public borrowing as a share of gross national product stood at a high level of almost 6 per cent in 1983, fact that has raised the spectre of a debilitating interest rate crunch when private demand for credit grows as the recovery picks up.

These fears have increased in recent weeks, resulting in appeals from both Democrats and Republicans for the defict to be reduced through moderate tax increases

But President Reagan has so far rejected these appeals, saying that the Administration will not put forward tax legislation of its own despite earlier statements that it would attempt to raise new revenues with a 5 per cent tax surcharge and an oil tax in 1886

Leaders in both houses of congress have said they will no move legislation to raise $75b in new taxes over a three-ye period, as called for in the 19 budget resolution, unless the President moves first.

The resulting deadlock has kept interest rates high as financial markets digest the news that inaction will result in deficits estimated at $196bn in 1984 fiscal year $205bn in 1985, and $214bn by 1986.

At this point, it is unlikely that any tax leglislation will be moved until after the presidential elections, given the political constraints and the President's resistence. The only thing that could move the process forward is a groundswell of support for the domestic summit resolution, which has been sponsored by almost 100 members of the House of Representatives and is expected to vote soon.

If – as expected – it is passed resoundingly, the Senate would probably pass a similar measure calling for action on the deficit within 45 days and the President, prodded by Mrs Thatcher's remarks, would be under great pressure to comply.

Industrial notebook

Reining in on the cowboys

Ask Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, which industry produces the most complaints and his response will be instant – the home improvements business.

The home improvement market has rocketed in the last decade. Even official statistics say it has grown by over 25 per cent and that takes no account of "builders" who work for cash to beat the taxman. It is this "cowboy" end of the trade which swells Borrie's postbag.

Thirty years ago, households outnumbered dwellings by almost a million. Today, they are more or less in balance, but more than 4 million homes are estimated to be in serious disrepair. The accent has thus switched from the building programmes of the 1960s towards maintaining and improving the present stock. What many households spent 20 years ago in buying new homes they may now spend in improving an older home. Building societies lend liberally for home improvements and local authorities offer generous grants.

The sums involved are large in relation to the budget of an ordinary household. Saving 15 per cent VAT on, say, a £3,000 re-roofing job, plus perhaps a bit more for cash and the fact that your builder is avoiding his statutory liabilities, looks mouthwatering. But there is no formal comeback for the stranded householder.

Sir Gordon himself has published his recommendations for tackling the problem in his *Report on Home Improvements*. The construction industry is encouraged to offer warranty schemes to protect its customers. Yet ironically the biggest hurdle the industry has faced in producing a genuine and effective scheme has been the fair trading law itself: How does a warranty scheme applied with teeth avoid being a restrictive trade practice?

Commonsense is at last prevailing on that point and the industry is developing more effective warranty schemes. But the ultimate test will be in their take-up by households and sources of households' finance could prove crucial.

Many local authorities and financial institutions welcome warranty schemes for their home improvement loan and grant applicants. Sir Gordon goes one further and recommends that the banks and building societies should consider tying their loans to warranty-backed works. He makes similar suggestions for local authority grants. And he would reinforce this demand-side constraint with a statutory "duty to trade fairly".

How seriously will the Government and the financial institutions take Sir Gordon's recommendations? The crude over-riding of the OFT in the Stock Exchange case raises doubts as to how kindly this free enterprise Conservative administration takes to applying the strict logic of a fair-trading watchdog.

Will the OFT's home improvement recommendations receive equally short shrift, as Conservative ministers secretly delight in the buccaneer spirit of the small cash-trading one-man-band builder? Or will the chickens of the home improvement jungle come home to roost, in the form of more constituents' complaints, and send ministers scurrying to lean on the financial institutions and local authorities to tighten the tests they apply for loans.

An excellent working example already exists in the new homes market where an NHBC quality certificate is the essential passport to a building society mortgage.

What the NHBC has done in the past 20 years for the quality and image of new housebuilding, the construction industry now hopes to do for the home improvement market with its more effective warranty schemes. But NHBC would not have done so without being tied closely to the sources of finance. The same will apply to home improvement.

Jamie Stevenson

The author is an economist in the construction industry

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

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RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A & M Hire 10p Ord (a)	23½
Aaronite Group 25p Ord (115a)	138
Atlantic Computer 10p Ord (230*)	275–15
BP 25p Ord (435*)	198
Central Independent Tv 50p N.V.Ord (a)	165
Cifer 10p Ord (*a)	138
Coin Industries 10p Ord (10*)	108
D J Security Alarms 10p Ord (60a)	81–4
DPCE Holdings 5p Ord (*)	226
Flextech 10p Ord (14a)	154–2
Freshbake Foods 5p Ord (60a)	72
Mainstet Hldgs 10p Ord (63a)	69
Metal Sciences 2.5p Ord (11a)	33–3
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MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Float-off at Debenhams

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Oct 3. Dealings end, Oct 14. Contango Day, Oct 17. Settlement Day, Oct 24.

Debenhams, the departmental stores including famous names like Harvy Nichols, Lotus shoes and Welbeck Finance, took the City by surprise yesterday by announcing plans to float off various parts of the group on the stock market.

Mr Robert Thornton, chairman of Debenhams, made his views known at a meeting of the Society of Investment Analysts. The shares greeted the news with a jump of 5p to 140p, after hitting 142p.

According to analysts attending the meeting, the rationale behind the move is to realize the group's valuable assets, more accurately, while spreading the risk against an unwanted bid approach. Since the successful bid for UDS Group by Hanson Trust, Debenhams has been strongly tipped as the next big stores group to come under the hammer.

Last year Mr Thornton took the step of splitting the group up into 18 separate divisions controlled by a holding company. These included a property company, Welbeck Finance and the catering interests. Even if Debenhams sold off small parts of each if could prove a big money spinner.

Mr Thornton was unavailable for comment last night but is known to have visited the City several times recently and had lunch with brokers W. Greenwell on Monday. At last night's close the group was valued at £187.6m.

Shares of Unigate rose 6p to 107p after news of a lunch between the company and brokers Scrimgeour Kemp Gee yesterday. Scrimgeour was unavailable for comment, but meeting seems to have confirmed the market's optimistic stance on the company. For the full year to March 31, pretax profits are expected to grow from £43.7m to £51m followed by £55m in 1985.

The rest of the equity market was unmoved by the record breaking performance overnight on Wall Street. Investors remained firmly entrenched on the sidelines still unwilling to commit themselves.

Gilts closed up to 50p lower, despite the better than expected banking figures. These showed a fall of .5 per cent in M3 reducing the growth rate to 9.6 per cent – well inside the Government's present target. But M1 has risen .25 per cent and is now up around 12 per cent.

As a result most of attention in gilts was focused on the index-linked stocks which closed up to 50p higher amid selective support.

On the foreign exchange the pound slipped 0.1 cents to $1.5090. Blue chips again featured ICI with a 4p rise to a new high of 576p, after 580p. The company's excitement over its breakthrough in the fibre field with its new product Tectel has again attracted renewed US support.

At the last count US investors held about 7 per cent of e shares. But so far analysts are sticking to their original forcast of pretax profits of £600m for the year.

The Americans are also taking a healthy interest in Dunlop, unchanged at 53p. Morgan Guaranty says it has increased its holding from 25.09 million shares to 26.43 million, or 18.38 per cent of the total. These shares are all owned by various US investors who have been issued with American Depositery Recipts.

Mr Roy Cole and the rest of his fellow directors at Telemetrix will be more than pleased with this week's reception given to the shares of this high-tech group. Yesterday the price improved 8p to 226p compared with the offer price of 185p and might reveal a further turn of speed later today when the group unveils its new advanced graphic display unit.

Shares of Dunlop fell from grace last month after the group announced plans to sell its European tyre division for £112m to reduce borrowing. Glaxo dipped another 5p to 740p after disappointing figures on Monday. The shares have lost 55p in two days.

Shares of London Brick slipped 2p to 96½p as hopes of a bid from Hanson Trust continued to fade. Last week Tarmac sold its remaining holding of 3 million shares in London Brick (2½ per cent of the total) to an unnamed buyer.

Former stockbroker, Mr Jeremy Peace, has paid 52p a share for 690,000 shares in Morland Securities, the brewer and wine and spirit merchant, quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market. Mr Peace bought his shares from Mr Rober Moore, director of Morland, and now owns 53.6 per cent of the company. Under Stock Exchange rules he must now make a similar offer for the rest.

News of the deal sent the shares shooting up almost double to 80p. Any acceptance to the offer will be placed through the market to help maintain the group's quote.

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Robson take a gamble on a European championship night

Chips down in a high stakes game

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent Budapest

England will return to an old Hungarian fort this evening to play for familiarly high stakes. Two years ago in the Nep Stadium they gambled with their own respectability as well as their ambitions of reaching the World Cup finals, and it paid off. Now only the eventual prize, a place among the last eight in the European championships, has altered.

Bobby Robson, whose representatives are holding on to the last chip of hope in group three, admits that "the situation is almost identical". In 1981, Switzerland had embarrassed England the week before they came here and the recent defeat by Denmark has left the current side with the same "need to restore credibility", a matter seen almost as important as the outcome itself.

Robson, in being "prepared to lose a game to win it", has taken a chance. Among the 11 he chose yesterday was Hoddle, whose gifts are doubted by none, but whose application is doubted by all. To reduce the risk, Robson has built around him a solid wall of protection and selected three midfield "biters", in Bryan Robson, Lee and Mabbutt.

Hoddle has, therefore, been given a glorious opportunity to display his talents on the one hand, and a heavy burden of responsibility on the other. Untimely injuries may have limited his international appearances in the past, but a spacious stage has now been prepared for his benefit, and he must accept the challenge. On his reaction England's fate may depend.

The other doubt in Robson's mind concerns the availability of Sansom, who is only 90 per cent fit. After suffering a slight reoccurrence of his back problem, his movement is restricted, but he hopes to play. A stern test in the morning will prove whether he or Kennedy starts as left back.





Front runners: Blissett (left) and Mariner lead England's attack

Once Robson had decided to strengthen the midfield, the rest of his formation was predictable. Gregory, although he must be considered the fifth choice, is the most experienced right back in the party and Martin and Butcher as a combination at the centre of England's defence have yet to finish on the losing side.

The record of the partnership between Blissett and Mariner is not so encouraging. They have been paired once before, in the 2–1 victory over Wales in February, but have between them scored only three goals in nine full appearances and four as substitutes and Blissett claimed all three of them in one night against Luxembourg 10 months ago.

The attacking strategy will be for both of them to take their respective markers deep and wide, leaving a hole behind them in the middle. Mariner, with Keegan as his companion, succeeded in the ploy two years ago, and Brooking who scored twice in the 3-1 win, was among those to exploit the gaps in the Hungarian defence.

The amunition this time will be supplied by Hoddle. As though pitching on to a green with a lofted club, he will attempt to launch those familiar, graceful passes into open territory. It is up to the likes of Lee, coming in from the right, Mabbutt, from the left, and Bryan Robson, in the centre, to act as the detonators.

"It is crucial to concentrate on our own game," Robson said, "and we must get the best out of our players and our style. If we do all of that right, then they will have to worry about us." His opinion was scarcely the same three weeks ago, when he was praising the Danes before they arrived.

Nevertheless, he was eager to see the Hungarian side when it was announced and to hear the views of a local reporter. Kovacs, the goalkeeper for instance, has been picked only once before and that it was some six years ago.



HUNGARY: A Kovacs; G Csonka, J Kardos, J Varga, I Garaba, P Hannich, F Csongrady, G Burcsa, L Dajka, T Nyilast, G Hajsan.

ENGLAND
P Shilton (Southampton)
J Gregory (Queen's Park Rangers)
T Butcher (Ipswich Town)
A Martin (West Ham)
K Sansom (Arsenal) or A Kennedy (L'pool)
S Lee (Liverpool)
G Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur)
B Robson (Manchester United)
G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur)
P Mariner (Ipswich Town)
L Blissett (AC Milan)

Group three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	5	4	1	0	9	4	9
England	6	3	2	1	16	3	8
Greece	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Hungary	5	2	0	3	15	12	4
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

Fixtures: Today: Denmark v Luxembourg, Hungary v England; October 26: Hungary v Denmark; November 16: Greece v Denmark, Luxembourg v England; December 3: Greece v Hungary; December 14: Greece v Luxembourg.

A dream house built of granite

By Hugh Taylor

If those eternal optimists, the thousands of Scottish supporters who will fill Hampden Park tonight hoping to see their team turn on football of Brazilian dazzle, had been listening to Jock Stein as he held court at his training headquarters at Troon, they would have been disappointed.

It is not the glamour of the South Americans or the colourful patterns of the European Latins that appeals to the Scotland manager, the most pragmatical of tacticians. "I would rather", he said, "that we could play like the Belgians".

To most people the play of Scotland's opponents at Hampden in the European Championship match may appear to be drab, a minor-key fugue in keeping with the Low Countries' temperament. But not to Stein, who considers Belgium to be the outstanding team in Europe and wants Scotland to take a few lessons from them.

They have, he insists, something he would dearly love; and he sums up Belgium's success formula in two words: consistency and continuity. How right he is. For Stein adds ruefully: "It makes me sad to think of some of our recent poor results – all the more so when you consider that in practically every game we played we had great spells.

"The Belgians, on the other hand, are fully committed for 90 minutes and they have acheived continuity in their selections. That is something we must aim for, particularly as Belgium, like ourselves, are a small country". Tonight, then, may be considered a new start for the manager whose eye is firmly fixed on the next World Cup.

What he wants is not so much a victory, although that would be sweet over opponents who have beaten Scotland in their last four fixtures, but a workmanlike performance which will justify the same side being chosen again for the next international against East Germany next month.

With the World Cup draw only weeks away, Stein is determined to have his squad as ready and settled as possible. Apart from Souness, who is absent because of injury, the Scotland team are probably the most powerful the manager could field. Scotland find relief in the fact that the defence, whose fragility caused so many frissons, now appears much more redoubtable, thanks to the granite qualities of the Aberdeen trio, Leighton, McLeish and Miller.

There is hope that the midfield trio of McStay, Bett and Wark will bring old-time Scottish fluency to the team. And if they play to form Dalglish and Nicholas will be the most menacing striking partnership any British country can produce.

But as Stein says, there can be no more severe test than the Belgians, who will not finalize their team until near the kick-off because, if Switzerland beat East Germany in the afternoon, Belgium would require one point to be sure of qualifying for the European finals.

Yet the Scotland team appeal to the supporters and, in view of the way they played in narrowly losing in Belgium last December, they should have no fear of their opponents, consistent, fast and strong as they undoubtedly are.

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen); R Gough (Dundee Utd), A Albiston (Manchester Utd), J Wark (Ipswich), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen, capt), K Dalglish (Liverpool), P McStay (Celtic), C Nicholas (Arsenal), J Bett (Lokeren), J Robertson (Derby).

BELGIUM: Pfaff; Gerets, Meeuws, Millecamps, Wintacq, Van der Elst, Coeck, Ceulemans, Vercautheren, Voordeckers, Claesen or Van der Smissen.

Referee: E Barbaresco (Italy).

Group one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	4	4	0	0	10	4	8
Switzerland	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Scotland	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
E Germany	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

Fixtures: Today: Scotland v Belgium; East Germany v Switzerland; November 9: Switzerland v Belgium; November 16: East Germany v Scotland.

MOTOR RACING

Warwick survives 120 mph crash to come eleventh

Kyalami (AP) – Derek Warwick, Toleman-Hart's No 1 driver, escaped injury when he crashed at about 120 miles an hour going into the notorious Clubhouse Corner on the second day of unofficial practice for Saturday's South African Grand Prix. On Monday Bruno Giacomelli, the other Toleman-Hart driver, narrowly escaped a serious accident when a rear suspension pick-up point pulled out of the chassis, leaving the team with just two cars.

Warwick said: "The brakes locked up going into the corner. I don't really know why." His car went through four layers of catch fencing before burying its nose in the tyre barriers in front of the wall.

The chassis damage looked serious but the Toleman team manager, Roger Sillman, was confident that Giacomelli's and Warwick's cars can be repaired in time for the race. "But it's not going to be an easy job so far from home," Sillman said.

Makeshift repairs were being made on the specialized carbon-fibre chassis because there is no specialized carbon-fibre technician in South Africa. Warwick's accident closed the track for an hour for repairs to catch fencing and yesterday's practice was delayed a further 10 minutes when René Arnoux spun his Ferrari with no serious damage.

Warwick had to use the team's spare car for yesterday's unofficial practice in which he was eleventh.

Patrick Tambay, of France, is the firm favourite to set the fastest time during official practice. Yesterday he improved his previous time by almost half a second to 1 minute 6.08 seconds, half a second outside the fastest time for last year's grand prix.

As clouds helped cool the temperatures in the final hour of practice times began to tumble. Tambay's teammate, Arnoux, moved up the list to second with 1:07.62 but did not manage to better Elio de Angels's 1:07.5 on Monday.

De Angel's took third quickest time yesterday, complaining that his Lotus-Renault had lost the grip he had enjoyed the previous day.

The new Williams-Honda continued to show impressive improvement. Jacques Laffitte, using qualifying tyres at the end of the session, set fourth fastest time of the day. The world champion, Keke Rosberg, in the second Williams-Honda, was tenth fastest.

Running qualifying tyres for the first time, the championship leader, Alain Prost, improved to fifth quickest but was not happy with his car. "The car is handling well but we are about 15 kilometres slower at the end of the straight than the Ferrari and Brabhams, which we had make it difficult for the race," he said.

Warwick used spare car

His closest rival, Nelson Piquet, did not improve on his times yesterday, his Brabham team concentrating on alternative cooling systems in case of a hot race, which would stress their own engine to its limits.

The quickest of the non-turbo runners were the two Tyrrell drivers, Danny Sullivan and Michele Alboreto, who were five seconds a lap off the quickest turbo cars, which was what they had expected at this fast, high-altitude circuit.

Carlos Reuteman arrived here yesterday, adding fuel to the rumours that he was intending to make a grand prix comeback. He denied it, saying: "I am just here for a holiday. It's nice to see a grand prix again, specially this one. I have no intention of coming back to racing."

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE TIMES: 1, P Tambay (Fr), Ferrari 126-C3, 1:06.90; 2, R Arnoux (Fr), Ferrari 126-C3, 1:07.58; 3, E de Angelis (It), Lotus-Renault 94T, 1:07.88; 4, J Lafitte (Fr), Williams-Honda FW09, 1:08.16; 5, A Prost (Fr), Renault-Elt RE40, 1:08.22; 6, N Lauda (Austria), McLaren-TAG Turbo MP41E, 1:08.87; 7, N Mansell (GB), Lotus-Renault 94T, 1:08.91; 8, A de Cesaris (It), Alfa-Romeo 183T, 1:09.08; 9, N Piquet (Br), Brabham-BMW BT52, 1:09.19; 10, K Rosberg (Fin), Williams-Honda FW09, 1:09.22; 11, D Warwick (GB), Toleman-Hart T183, 1:09.35; 12, J Watson (GB), McLaren-TAG Turbo MP41E, 1:09.87.

Walsh and Stein stake their claim

From David Miller Nyiregyhaza

Hungary under-21 0
England under-21 2

Beautiful though Budapest may be at this or any time of year, it made a change yesterday to leave behind the aerospace international conference and American Jewish tourist board who are jointly rubbing shoulders with the England senior team on the banks of the Danube, and travel eastwards across the Hungarian plain.

For more than 20 years one has been to some of the more unlikely places, from rural Denmark to Tel Aviv, from Kiev to Maderia, to watch the younger players of England's future taking shape in often small anonymous stadia. So it was now.

The miles of birch trees were almost translucent amber as we sped through the fertile villages with their single storey cottages, and late roses behind formal garden fencing and the inevitable primitive outside plumbing. Horse-and-cart frequently dogged the way. The 5,000 crowd in the little open stadium were almost as dark as Turks, every man munching nuts like a squirrel, their sporadic cheers punctuated occasionally by a rabble platoon of the usual English lay-abouts over-indulged with alcohol.

The simple food which England under-21 players have experienced in two days in this little town near to the Russian border had evidently left their football unimpaired: they were considerably superior to Hungary, winning by two goals from the Luton Town pair of strikers Paul Walsh and Brian Stein, to make sure of a place in the UEFA quarter-finals. England won the trophy last year.

Even going back to the distant days when players such as Eastham and Greaves were appearing at under-23 level it is regularly said that these matches are unsatisfactory. That may be so, even with the added edge of cup competition nowadays. Yet what they do show, if the observer knows something about people as well as football, is the character of the youngsters.

Of course England has fewer great footballers today, but so has almost every country: and that is because small boys spend less time between the age of six and 12 learning how to use the ball and to balance themselves. The problem for England is what happens to our young players by the time they reach the senior team.

We play too much competitive football at international level, never mind at school and in professional clubs, so that we are too often scuffling for points against Greece of Malta insead of allowing players to develop. It is pursuit of points which has kept Hoddle out of the senior team in recent years, and looking at yesterday's victory here one should be asking who might now already be gaining senior experience.

It would make more sense, for instance, if either Walsh or Stein were playing today in the Nep stadium rather than the well tried Mariner, from whom we will learn nothing new, while it is equally clear that the sooner Caton is tested the more likely he is to become a valuable senior player early rather than late.

Bobby Robson, the England manager, says that the loss of Coppell has been a serious blow: why therefore not find out whether Callaghan of Watford can do the same job? Age is not the critical factor. On a mellow afternoon Hungary might have led yesterday after 15 minutes when Detari wasted a good chance with only Bailey to beat. Earlier Stein had had a header cleared off the line.

After 24 minutes Sterland the Sheffield Wednesday right back, sent Stein away on the wing; he held off two tackles, reached the line, and pulled the ball back for Walsh to score with a crisp shot. From now on it was all England and there might have been several goals before a perfect chip by Callaghan five minutes before half-time set Bracewell free and he turned the ball into the path of Stein who scored with a totally mis-hit shot. A back pass by Bracewell straight to Kiss in the second half, almost put Hungary back into the hunt, but Bailey saved well. England, however, continued to call the tune, Stein heading against a post from Callaghan's cross.

HUNGARY UNDER-21: Szalberg; Turbek, Szucs, Rezi, Balogh, Banki, Detari, Gere, Kiss, Bognar, Meszaros.

ENGLAND UNER-21: G Bailey (Manchester United); M Sterland (Sheffield Wednesday), T Caton (Manchester City), P Bracewell (Sunderland), G Stevens (Tottenham), M Wright (Southampton), N Callaghan (Watford), B Stein (Luton), P Walsh (Luton), S McMahon (Aston Villa), D Wallace (Southampton).

Group three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	5	0	1	13	4	10
Greece	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Denmark	4	1	1	2	5	10	3
Hungary	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

FIXTURES: October 25: Hungary v Denmark; November 15: Greece v Denmark; December 2: Greece v Hungary.

Hand needs a stronger grip

From Eamonn Dunphy, Dublin

Unlike the Republic of Ireland, the Netherlands can still qualify for the European championship finals in France next summer; but to do so the Dutch must win at Dalymount Park tonight and beat Spain in Rotterdam next month.

For Ireland there is more than pride at stake. There is the job of the team manager, Eoin Hand. His term of office has seen no disasters, certainly, none on the Lancaster Gate scale, but there is a feeling abroad in the Irish game that perhaps stronger, more charismatic leadership might see this talented squad emulate their Northern Ireland counterparts.

Talk about not renewing Hand's contract when it expires after the championship began after a dismal 2-0 defeat by Spain in Saragossa last spring. As he himself acknowledged before last month's trip to Iceland: "We have to win our last three games if I am to survive."

The 3-0 victory in Reykjavik was apparently less convincing than the score suggests. Nevertheless, with two points guaranteed when Malta are entertained next month, tonight's Dutch challenge can be regarded as the key to Hand's survival.

Not surprisingly, the manager has announced the same side that served in Iceland, which means that Arsenal's David O'Leary will be on the bench again. The central defender, coveted by Bobby Robson, was omitted in Reykjavik to allow a new partnership to be formed at the heart of the Irish defence between Kevin Moran and Mark Lawrenson.

The Dutch coach, Kees Rijvers, fields a side containing six Ajax players, among them Johnny Silooy, an 18-year-old defender making his international debut. Only the veteran, Willie van der Kerkhof and Piet Schrijvers, have survived the changing times in Dutch football.

The new wave of brilliant young players which promises to restore the grandeur of the Cryuff era is represented here by such as Guillet, a 21-year-old libero, Vananberg, a precocious 19-year-old in midfield, and the exciting Marco van Basten, a teenaged striker who has scored 13 goals for Ajax this season.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: J McDonagh (Notts County), J Devine (Norwich), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), K Moran (Manchester United), C Hughton (Tottenham), G Waddock (QPR), A Grealish (Brighton, Captain), L Brady (Sampdoria), F Stapleton (Manchester United), M Robinson (Liverpool), K O'Callaghan (Ipswich).

NETHERLANDS: Schrijvers (Peczwolle); Wignstekers (Feyenoord), Ophof (Ajax), Boeda (Ajax), Gullet (Feyenoord), Silooy (Ajax), van Basten (Ajax), Vanenberg (Ajax), Van der Kerkhof (PSV Eindhoven), Koeman (Ajax), Van Teeglan (Groningen).

Group seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	1	0	11	5	11
Netherlands	5	3	1	1	12	3	7
Rep Ireland	6	3	1	2	10	7	7
Iceland	8	1	1	6	3	13	3
Malta	5	1	0	4	4	12	2

Fixtures: Today; Republic of Ireland v Netherlands; November 16: Netherlands v Spain, Republic of Ireland v Malta; December 17: Netherlands v Malta; December 21: Spain v Malta.

Stewart on trial

Ian Stewart, Northern Ireland's volatile young winger will be reminded to keep out of trouble in today's European championship group six game against Turkey in Ankara. Sammy McIlroy, Stoke City's midfield player will watch over Stewart and keep his mind on produciing the match-winning skills that have put the Irish on the fringe of the finals.

Stewart was booked against Austria last month and another flash of temper will rule him out of next month's game with West Germany, which looks increasingly like the group decider. "I'm determined to behave," he said. "But it gets a bit hard when you are chopped down for the fourth and fifth time. That's when I feel myself boiling over. But it's a reassurance to know Sammy's always there, keeping a grip. He's a great influence – if he can catch me in time."

O'Neill, Northern Ireland's captian and McIlroy's midfield partner, said: "It's important to keep Stewart concentrating on football because he has become a key player, he has given us a nice impetus. But he has to learn that losing your temper is both foolish and immature."

Jimmy Nicholl, back from Canada, should regain his place at right back and the only other change is likely to be another winger, Brotherston, of Blackburn Rovers coming in for Armstrong, who is injured. This means that the manager, Billy Bingham, will not abandon his aggressive 4–2–4 formation.

Whether that proves a reckles philosophy away from home remains to be seen but Bingham, hoping for a repeat of the result he gained on his last trip to Turkey – a 3–0 win in Istanbul in 1968

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	7	4	1	2	14	7	9
N Ireland	6	4	1	1	7	4	9
W Germany	5	3	1	1	8	2	7
Turkey	5	1	1	3	3	10	3
Albania	7	0	2	5	3	12	2

Fixtures: Today Turkey v Northern Ireland; October 26: West Germany v Turkey; November 16: West Germany v Northern Ireland, Turkey v Austria; November 20: West Germany v Albania.

BOXING

Koopmans puts title at stake

The Hague, (Reuters) – Rudi Koopmans, European light-heavyweight champion, said yesterday he planned to retire from boxing next year because he lacks enthusiasm for the sport. Koopmans, aged 35, told a press conference here it had nothing to do with his age and felt he could go on for another five years.

"I have lost enthusiasm for boxing and for training every day to keep my weight steady", Koopmans said. "It is 95 per cent certain I will quit at the end of this season."

Koopmans has put his European title at stake in a bout against Rufino Angulo, of France, in Paris on November 21. As preparation for this bout, Koopmans meets Gary Jones, of Milwaukee, in a 10-round contest here next Monday.

If Koopmans beats Angulo he will defend his crown against Alex Blanchard, his compatriot, nominated official challenger by the European Boxing Union, probably in January. Koopmans beat Blanchard in a title bout last November when the referee intervened in the eighth round.

Koopmans took the title from Aldo Traversaro, of Italy, in March 1979. His record is 41 wins, two draws and one defeat, which was against Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, the former American world champion, in 1980. The bout was stopped when Koopmans suffered a badly cut eye.

Elbilia takes title in fine style

Paris (AP) – Gilles Elbilia of France boxed his was to a 12-round decision over Belgium's Frankie Decaestecker on Monday to win the vacant European welterweight championship.

Elbilia, the 26 year old favourite for the title, lived up to his reputation as being a clever boxer. He overcome the superior height and reach of Decaestecker 32, before a partisan crowd at Coubertin Stadium, becoming the fourth Frenchman to hold a current European Title. The others are the flyweight, Antonio Montero, the middleweight, Louis Acaries, and the heavyweight, Lucien Rodriguez.

The European Boxing Union designated Decastecker, welterweight champion of the Benelux countries for the past three years, as Elbilia's opponent for the crown, vacated when Colin Jones of Wales abanodned it to contest the world title.

A right to the chin sent Elbilia to the canvas in the fourth round, but this was the only time he was in trouble. Demonstrating a superior techriique and precision, he finished the bout stronger thant he Belgian to take a unanimous decision and extend his record to 22 wins and two defeats.

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: Professional Players Tournament, first round: C Wilson bt B Bennett, 5-1; W Thorne bt C Everton, 5-1; J White bt I Williamson, 5-2; T Griffiths bt L Dodd, 6-3.

Wales prepare to enjoy their breathing space

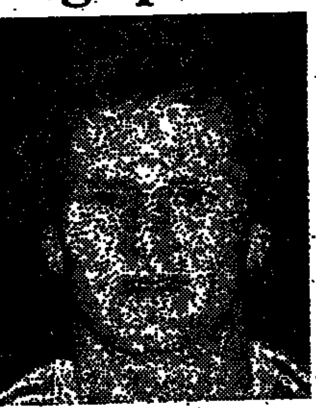
By Simon O'Hagan

Wales can afford to feel a little self-righteous tonight. Not for them the soul-searching and the live television coverage; instead the knowledge that they need only sharpen their wits against Romania in Wrexham before their last two qualifying games in the European Championship.

A win either in Bulgaria on November 16 or at home to Yugoslavia on December 14 would virutally guarantee the Welsh a trip to France next year. Qualification would be a reward for those attributes which the smaller of the home nations have often shown, teamwork and determination.

It is therefore a surprise that Mike England, the Wales manager, has changed his team for tonight to the extent of dropping his captain, Peter Nicholas. The Arsenal midfield player, who has led his country in four of their last five internationals, is omitted, England says, because he is currently out if his club first team and "his sharpness has suffered."





Nicholas: lacking sharpness

In Wales's last match, a goalless draw against Norway in the European championship, England noted that Nicholas "tired more than the others in the closing stages". He is replaced by Thomas, of Stoke City, who did not play in Oslo because of injury but whose present form suggests that he does not even know what the word tired means. Flynn takes over the captaincy. The one change England might have been expected to make, the inclusion of Davies, who scored six goals in Fulham's last three games, has not materialized.

Romania will be worth watching if only because they look almost certain of reaching the European finals themselves. If they do, it will be at the expense of the World Cup holders, Italy.

WALES: Southall (Everton), Hopkins (Fulham), Price (Tottenham), Ratcliffe (Everton), Jones (Chelsea), Flynn (Burnley), Jackett (Watford), Vaughan (Cardiff), Thomas (Stoke), Rush (Liverpool), James (Stoke).

● Swansea City are prepared to listen to offers for their Welsh international defender Jeremy Charles. "I feel it would be in his best interests if he moved on," Swansea's manager John Toshack said. "We are not getting value for money from him.

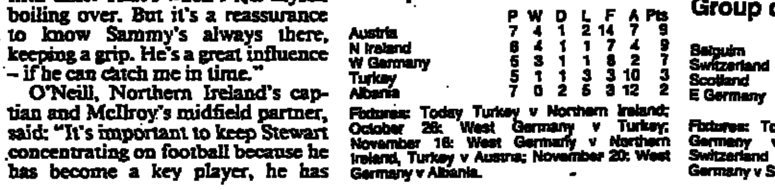
Keegan's return

Bonn (Reuter) – Kevin Keegan returns to West Germany today to play in a game in Hanover marking the first 20 years of the Bundesliga, in which the country's leading clubs play. Keegan, who played for three years with Hamburg, is the only foreign player in a selection of the best players from the Bundesliga's first years chosen by the sports magazine *Kicker*.

The *Kicker* team play a selection of former Eintracht Brunswick and Hanover 96 players before an expected 30,000 crowd in aid of the Franz Beckenbauer foundation for the handicapped. Also in the team selected by *Kicker* were Maier, Vogts, Förster, Beckenbauer, Breitner, Netzer, Overath, Rummenigge, Müller and Heynckes.

● Hamburg, the European Cup Winners, and Aberdeen, winners of the European Cup-Winners Cup, play the first leg of the European "Supercup" in Hamburg on November 22. The second leg would be in Aberdeen on December 5 or 20.

● AEK Athans have appealed against the fine of 20,000 Swiss Francs imposed by UEFA for insulting behaviour towards the referee in the Cup-Winners' Cup match against Ujpest Dozsa on September 28. UEFA said that AEK Athans had also appealed against the three-month ban on Evangelos Ulachos for spitting at an opponent.



Denmark faced with a simple-looking hurdle

Copenhagen (Reuter) – Only a major upset by the part-timers of Luxembourg here today will prevent Denmark edging yet closer to a place in the European Championship finals in France next year. After their 1-0 wing against England at Wembley last month, Denmark head group three with nine points from five matches, one point ahead of England, with a game in hand.

A Repeat of their 2-1 victory over the Grand Duchy last November would leave Denmark needing only two points from their remaining away games against Greece and Hungary to be sure of qualifying.

But their trainer, Sepp Piontek, who has transformed Denmark into a goal-hungry and skilful team, urges caution over predictions and makes no mention of England's 9-0 rout of Luxembourg at Wembley last December. "Luxembourg are difficult opponents who have given us problems in the past," he said.

But even he can scarcely conceal his confidence against a team who have lost all five matches in the group so far. "First and foremost we must win, even if it is only 1-0. But I reckon we played too carefully last time we met Luxembourg," he said.

Denmark are expected to field almost the same team which beat England, although they will be without two experienced midfield players, Arnesen of Anderlecht and Lerby of Bayern Munich, Who are both injured.

Arnesen is again plagued by trouble after two knee operations this year, and Lerby, who scored the first goal for Bayern in their 6-0 defeat of Augsburg last Friday, strained a thigh muscle in training on Sunday.

"We have enough good reserves, but of course it's a handicap to be without players I was counting on," Piontek said. Christensen, the top scorer for the local side, Lyngby, is included in the squad for the first time in place of Lerby.

While most of the Danish side play for Leading foreign clubs, Luxembourg have only Hellers of Standard Liège to make them look any different from a local village team. The Grand Duchy, who have conceded 25 goals in their five defeats in the championship, have met Denmark seven times. Their best result was a 3-3 draw 20 years ago.

Yesterday's results

UEFA u-21 championship
Group three

HUNGARY (0) 0 — ENGLAND (2) 2
5,000 — Walsh, Stein

OTHER MATCHES: Group one: East Germany 2, Switzerland 1. Group four: Yugoslavia 6, Norway 2
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford City v Oldham, postponed.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham 4, Fulham 2.

Cochrane to appeal

The Middlesbrough and Northern Ireland international winger Terry Cochrane, who is currently on loan to Gillingham, will appeal against a club fine of two week's wages at a League management committee hearing in Liverpool on Friday. Malcolm Allison, the Middlesbrough manager, punished Cochrane for what he described as an "obscene gesture" in a Central league match against Coventry City reserves last month.

Derek Statham, the West Bromwich Albion full-back, has had a further setback in his fight to recover from a groin injury. Statham, who has not played in the first team this season, came through a reserve game last Friday, but has broken down again in training and has now been ordered a week's rest with only light training to follow.

Martyn Bennett is fit to return to the Albion defence against Manchester United on Saturday, however, and Ken McNaught and Cyrille Regis are both to resume training.

Tottenham's four injured first team players, Ray Clemence, Danny Thomas, Paul Miller and Ossie Ardiles, are slowly winning their fight to regain fitness and their keeper Clemence should be fit for Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Thorne in second round

Willie Thorne swept into the second round of the Professional Players' tournament in Bristol yesterday, beating Clive Everton 5–1. Thorne, whose confidence was shaken after being whitewashed 5–0 by Eddie Charlton in last week's Jameson Whiskey tournament, had not relished the idea of taking on an even slower safety-first player. But he swept to a 3–0 lead before losing the fourth frame 54-46. Thorne won the fifth frame 81-33 in 13 minutes and took the sixth 83-8.

Powerboating: Rick Frost, aged 39, of Wokingham, became the fastest man ever to travel on Windermere yesterday when he broke the world Forumla I power boat record with an average speed of 144.16 mph. Len Moore, of Sutton Coldfield, broke his own world record for R1 circuit racing inboards up to 1,000 cc increasing it from 110.69 mph to 111.82 mph. And Arthur Cross, of Neath, South Wales, broke his world record, set on Monday, for T2 circuit outboard racing mono-hulls of 550-750 cc with a new speed of 64.87 mph. Karen Jones, of London, established a national record of 41.46 mph in the IIIA class for small offshore production boats up to 45 hp.

RUGBY UNION: Neil McDowell, the Gosforth and Northumberland centre, is to have an exploratory operation on his troublesome ankle injury. McDowell, who toured Canada and the United States with the England team and played for England 'B' last season, has been plagued by injury for almost six months.

GYMNASTICS: The Soviet team for the world gymnastics championships to be held in Budapest from October 23 to 30 will be led by Yuri Korolev and Olga Bicherova.

Yugoslavia seek revenge

BELGRADE (Reuter) – Yugoslavia seek revenge against Norway here today as they attempt to keep alive their chances of qualifying for the finals of next year's European championship.

Norway virtually dropped out of the Group Four race last month when Wales held them to a goalless draw in Oslo to go two points clear at the top of the table.

They beat Yugoslavia 3-1 last year, but Norwegian coach Tor Roeste Fossen is less confident for the return. "We are not as good as we were a year ago," he said. "Three of our best strikers are out and we have some injury problems."

Lund, their illustrious striker, has retied, while Oekalnd and Jakobson have been injured since last August. Davidsen, Fjaelberg and Mathisen are also down with injuries but Fossen hoped they would be fit after training yesterday.

Fossen added: "Yugoslavia have recovered from the shock they had in the World Cup and are among the best in Europe. It will be difficult for us."

Aage Hareide of Norwich, is included in there Norwegian team.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
Norway	5	1	2	2	6	6	4
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Bulgaria	4	1	1	2	4	5	3

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

A tale of two defences

By George Chesterton

Aldenham 0
Wellingborough 0

Thomas, of Wellingborough, came nearest to winning this schools match at Aldenham yesterday. His shot after 10 minutes hit the post, with Harrison, the Aldenham goalkeeper, well beaten.

The near miss spurred Aldenham into producing some of their best football as they coped well with the blustery wind in the beautiful rural setting of their home ground, less than 15 miles from Marble Arch.

Their gold shirts seem to dominate in midfield as the took control with some good short passes. Just before the interval Wellingborough replied with a lofted shot from Walton, but the home goalkeeper Fitzpatrick gathered safely.

Wellingborough had the advantage of the wind in the second half. Aldenham looked more threatening but Tuckley's rock-like defence and ability in the air kept them at bay. At the other end the marking was equally reliable, with the Aldenham captain, Buckingham, outstanding.

ALDENHAM: C Harrison, M Buckingham, N Davies, N Marks, T Synnamond, G Brown, N Bobson, A Selwyn, M Yassen, N Fenn, R Walton.

WELLINGBOROUGH: R Fitzpatrick, P Wilson, T Turney, N Tuckley, I Denton, T Coggins, J Simson, C Smith, D Hinds, M Griffiths, N Thomas.

Referee: E Carter.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL
European championship
Group one
Scotland v Belgium (8.0)
Group three
Hungary v England (8.0)
Group six
Turkey v Northern Ireland (1.30)
Group seven
Republic of Ireland v Netherlands
International match
Wales v Romania

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Aston Villa (7.0); Stoke v Newcastle (7.0); Sunderland v Leeds; West Bromwich v Burnley (7.0). Second division: Huddersfield v Rotherham.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Leicester v Crystal Palace (2.15); Millwall v Swindon (2.0); Oxford United v Tottenham; Queens Park Rangers v Southampton (2.30).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Chesham v Windsor and Eton; Feltham v Cheshunt. Second division: Newbury v Southall.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Shepshed v Banbury.

RUGBY UNION
TOUR MATCH: Pembroke County v Japanese XV (at Haverfordwest) (3.0); Bedford V Rugby (7.15); Bristol v Metropolitan Police (7.15); Gloucester v Newbridge (7.0); Maesteg v South Wales Police (7.0); Moseley v Abertillery (7.15); Penarth v Cardiff (7.0); Pontypool v Aberavon (7.0); Pontypridd v Tredegar (7.15); Sale v Sheffield (7.15); Swansea v Bridgend (7.0).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: United Banks v Eastern Banks Select XV (at Standard Chartered Bank RFC, East Molesey, 3.0).
COUNTY MATCH: Middlesex County Clubs v Surrey County Clubs (at Centaurs RFC, Osterley, 4.0).

HOCKEY
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University v Essex County XI (at Fenners, 2.30); RMA Sandhurst v Army (at Sandhurst, 2.15).

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division Brighton Bears v Bracknell Pirates; Kingston v Crystal Palace Supersonics (8.0).
ASDA CUP: First round: Manchester v Bolton.
BADMINTON: English Masters (at The Spectrum, Warrington).
SNOOKER: Professional Players tournament (at Bristol).

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Steelers 24, Cincinnati Bengals 14.

ICE HOCKEY
NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Rangers 2, Los Angeles Kings 1, Montreal Canadiens 6, Quebec Nordiques 4.

CRICKET
HARARE: Three-day tour match: Zimbabwe 322 for 8 dec and 143 for 7 (A Pycroft 49 not out; C Butts 3 for 58); Young West Indians 140 and 324 (R Lyght 77, V Eddy 56; P Rawson 5 for 97). Zimbabwe won by 3 wkts.

TENNIS
TARPON SPRINGS (Florida): Women's tournament first round (US unless stated): E Burgin bt K Horvath, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; R Reggi (Italy) bt Phelps, 6-1, 6-2; D Spence bt Nagelsen, 7-6, 6-1; G Purdy bt C Benjamin, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; K Sands bt L Forood, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2; J Mundal (SA), bt N Yeargin, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.
SYDNEY: Australian indoor championships (Australian unless stated): First round: J Alexander bt C Wittus (US), 7-6, 6-3; K Curren (SA), bt P Johnston, 6-4, 6-2; L Hooper (USA), bt C Lewis (NZ), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; H Leconte (FR), bt W Masur, 6-2, 6-2; B Gilbert (USA), bt V Van Patten (USA), 7-6, 6-0; M Edmundson, bt De Palmer (USA), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; I Lendl (CZ), bt R Frawley, 6-3, 6-1; P McNamee bt S Denton (US), 6-4, 7-6.

GOLF
AER LINGUS SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round at Bramhall Park: 1, Parrs Wood High School, Didsbury, 254 pts; 2, Kings School, Macclesfield, 259; 3, Marple Ridge High School, Marple, 266. Best individual score: S Woolley (Hyde sixth form college, Cheshire), 79.

RACKETS
Schools match: Haileybury v Harrow (Haileybury first): S R Miller and R W Bonallack bt D G Dick and S O N Seagrave, 15-4, 8-15, 1-15, 15-12, 15-9, 2-15, 15-8; S W Heck and J W Symonds bt R Novis and C D Hazlehurst, 15-11, 15-8, 15-1, 15-11; J B Hall and A B Start lost to L O Bridgeman and P P Angus, 7-15, 8-15, 15-18, 13-15.

POWER BOATS
WINDERMERE: Formula one: R Frost, avge 144.16 mph (world record). R1 circuit racing inboards up to 1,000cc: L Moore, 111.82. T2 circuit outboard racing monohulls 550cc-750cc: A Cross, 64.87 (world record). Class I offshore: T Toleman, 117.31.

FOOTBALL
FA CUP: Second qualifying round, second replay: Walthamstow Avenue 2, Billericay Town 1.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham 5, Gateshead 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Mossley 1, Horwich 2; Southport 3, Rhyl 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Southern division: Hounslow 0, RS Southampton 2.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Wilson's 2, Alleyn's, Dulwich 1.

RACKETS
SCHOOLS MATCH: Harrow v Wellington (Harrow first): D G Dick and S O'N Segrave bt D S C Mallinson and W N Fairbarns 15–7, 15–9, 15–2, 15–7; C D Hazlehurst and A W Saxton lost to T B Cockcroft and R Bruce 15–4, 6–15, 3–15, 4–15, 1–15; P P Angus and L O Bridgeman bt P A Hudable and P Tennant, 15–8, 15–9, 15–11, 15–8; S Ross and J Hamilton lost to R Wiggin and W Waghorn 15–4, 3–15, 15–8, 4–15, 6–15, 15–7, 15–15.

RACING: FORMER CHAMPION SUSPENDED FOR 12 DAYS

Carson's ban offers fresh title chance to Piggott

By Michael Seely

Willie Carson was banned *from riding for 12 days by* the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club in London yesterday. *As the sentence is effective* from today until October 23 inclusive, Carson will have only seven days in which to consolidate his hold on his fifth jockeys title before the season ends at Doncaster on November 5.

Carson arrived at Warwick by helicopter just in time to watch Lester Piggott, Carsons closest attendant in the table, ride Welsh Warrior to a comfortable victory in the Queen Bess Stakes for Henry Cecil. Piggott, however, is not in an optimistic mood about his chances of claiming his 11th championship. "It should be pretty difficult," he said with a smile as he went out to ride Green Mist in the Warmington Nursery Handicap Stakes. This was Piggott's only winning ride and Carson left the course empty-handed. Carson has now ridden 152 winners, 17 more than Piggott's total of 135.

Carson's suspension for his careless riding of Shuteye at Beverley on September 21 makes this a record 42 suspensions handed out to jockeys this year. This is the former champion's third *sentence this* season, his previous disqualifications having been for six days *and eight days for the same* offence of careless riding at Ayr and at Goodwood, regretfully. At present a topping up system *is in operation* which operates when the stewards come to consider their sentences.

In the case concerned, Carson won the Beverley race on Shuteye by two and a half lengths from Miami Star with Fill the Jug one and a half lengths away, third. As it was the last race of the day, Carson had left the course before the stewards had watched the camera patrol film and decided to hold an inquiry. They therefore adjourned the hearing until York last Tuesday when Carson was found to be in contravention of rule 153 (II) which deals with reckless, careless and improper riding. He was sent forward to Portman Square as this was his third offence of the season. A senior rider has to be referred to the Jockey Club after his [illegible] offence.

In London evidence was heard from Paul Cook, Walter Swinburn, Nick Connorton and Chris Coates, all of whom had ridden in the race. The press were allowed to watch the film after the hearing. It was *reported* that Shuteye had appeared to swerve to the left just under three furlongs from home. *Cook had been forced to* take drastic avoiding action on Rekindle, having had to snatch *up his mount and switch him to* the outside, losing several lengths in the process. Both Coates on Fill the Jug, who eventually finished third, and Connorton on Signorina Odone had been sandwiched against *the rails. Carson refused to* comment as he hurried to a taxi to take him to the helicopter. "I *could say something but it* would be very rude," was his only remark.

Among the important mounts Carson will miss at the important Newmarket Houghton which starts tomorrow is that on Mayotte, the 6-1 favourite for the Tote Cesarewitch on Saturday. Richard Holder, the mare's trainer, said at Warwick that he had obtained the services of Pat Eddery for Mayotte. "I've been lucky to get Pat at the last moment. Mayotte is very well and I think she'll go close. She always seems to come to her best in the autumn. Don't forget that she won three flat races and the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot at the same time last year."

There were 31 acceptors at the four-day stage for the Cesarewitch. Ladbroke's go 6-1 Mayotte, 11-1 Morgan's Choice, 12-1 Bajan Sunshine and 14-1 *Donegal Prince.*

At Warwick Gay Kelleway said that she was looking *forward to her attempt to* become the first woman to win the big race on Donegal Prince, *after having looked remarkably* effective when capturing the two-mile Ann Hathaway Handicap on Tom Sharp. "I must say I am blowing a bit," Miss Kelleway said "I haven't ridden for three days, but I am running every night to try to get fitter. My sister Sarah rode Donegal Prince in his work this morning. She says that the old boy's flying!"


Willie Carson: misses ride on Mayotte

Sackford remains favourite at 4-1 with Ladbrokes for the Dubai Champion Stakes on the same afternoon. Reports from Pulborough indicate that Guy Harwood's talented three-year-old is in magnificent shape after his victory over Adonijah in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot.

"Sackford *is* fine," *Geoff* Lawson said yesterday. "One thing that we've got going for us *is that he is a bit* fresher than most." Salmon Leap is second favourite at 5-1 as he attempts to improve on his fast finishing fifth to All Along in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

Duffield nears first century of career

George Duffield edged nearer the first century of his career with a 15-1 double on Jabaraba the Misty Halo at Redcar yesterday. The Yorkshire-born Newmarket-based-jockey, who has partnered more than 900 winners in 16 years, now needs 10 more to reach its target in the *remaining* 21 days of the season.

He was seen at his best on the wonderfully consistent Misty Halo, flooring the odds laid on Night Eye in the saltburn Stakes. In allowing the favourite to do all the donkey work, Duffield felt that he might have confused Misty Halo by holding her up for so long.

Heading Night Eye approaching the *final furlong, the high top* filly showed the courage that has brought her 12 victories and and responded to a slap from Duffield to beat the favourite by one and a half lengths, with Red Duster 12 farther away third.

Night Eye's trainer, Frankie Durr, who was attempting a five-timer with Sheikh Mohammed's $175,000 colt, provided Duffield's first winner, Jabaraba, who is also owned *by the Sheikh.* Jabaraba came through to beat the favourite, Mr Chromacopy, by half a lenght in the Captain Cook Maiden Stakes.

Shaikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum dropped in on Folkestone yesterday *in a huge brown helicopter, just to* see his horse Neeyef fun in the final race – and the colt did not let him down. Neeyef looked a high-class performer as he make all the running under Joe Mercer in the Hurst Green Maiden stakes (division two) to win by three lengths from Leysh.

The Shaikh's helicopter landed on the National Hunt course in front of the stands shortly before the race.

Time Charter to miss US race

Time Charter, fourth in this month's Arc de Triomphe, will miss the Washington International. Her trainer, Henry Candy, said yesterday morning: "Time Charter is in good health after her Arc run, but has started to go in her coat and will therefore not go to Washington next month for the International. There is a possibility that she will stay in training next year."

All Along, the Arc winner, has been *installed* 5-2 favourite for the one mile five furlong Rothmans International on turf at Woodbine racecourse, Toronto, on Sunday.

Another French filly, Escaline, is fourth best in the local betting at 10-1. Canada's Nijinsky Secret and last year's Rothman's winner, Majestys Prince, are bracketed at 4-1.

Quinn holds whip hand

Richard Quinn, Britain's representative *in the European apprentice* championship, sponsored by Long John Scotch Whisky travels to Spain today for round four in search of his third consecutive round-winner's silver whip in the space of five days. Quinn, who leads the table by 41 points, was top scorer in Sweden on Sunday and joint top in Denmark on Saturday with Ireland's Pat Shanahan – who rides the four-year-old Campomanes in the one mile handicap worth £2,000 to the winner.

Quinn's mount at Madrid racecourse is Rockero, rated among the outsiders by the local experts who make Bambola, the mount of a local apprentice, Villarroel, favourite. Villarroel, though, is not in the competition.

RUGBY UNION

Bus top view of Canadian crash

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Sussex	16
Canadians	9

It was the intention of the Canadian management to name the team to play England on Saturday shortly after yesterday's game with Sussex on the Worthing club's attractive ground at Angmering. Selection was postponed until today, however, after a disappointing performance in which they lost to Sussex – in the third division of the county championship – by a goal, a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to three penalties.

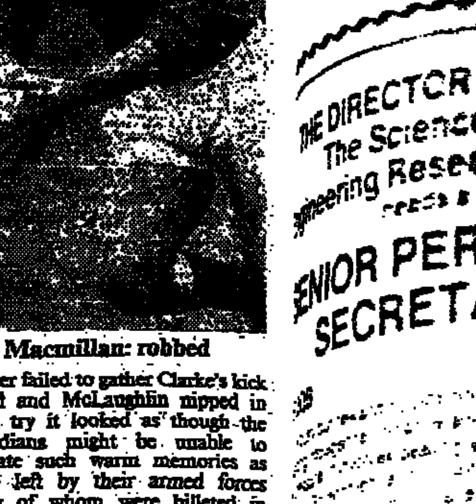
It was the third time in four matches that the Canadians have ended with this scoreline and two of those three games have gone against them. In view of the strength of the England team which will oppose them at Twickenham, their task in the international is daunting. On that occasion *aleast they will not* face Colclough, the British Lions lock, who led Sussex to a well-deserved win which added spice to their centenary season.

It was a shapeless game, largely because of the strong wind which billowed across the ground in the direction of Worthing, but also because the Canadians *could* not win possession sufficiently quickly to give their backs a chance. Sussex by contrast were able to release their half backs who put in some telling kicks to keep the touring side in their own half.

The worrying thing for the Canadions is that it was Sussex who scored the tries. *The* tackling of the visiting backs remains loose and on this occasion Rusell's efforts to seal the holes in the leaky bucket went largely unsupported. The only relief is that Wyatt has maintained his form so well and he will obviously play in *all* five tour matches.

It is unfortunate that Delaney has not been able to develop: he was concussed in the opening game and it was thought he might not play again before returning home; but he found a few gaps and may have put himself into contention for Saturday's team.

Sussex, whose only other senior culb player apart from Colclough was Avery from London Welsh led after only three minutes when Coackley the stand of half chipped over a short range penalty. When Forster failed to gather Clarke's kick ahead and McLaughlin nipped in for a try it looked as though the Canadians might be unable to recreate such warm memories as *those left* by their armed forces many of whom were billeted in Sussex during the Second World War.


Macmillan: robbed

Characteristically, however, they clawed their way back into the game. Wyatt kicked two penalties before the *interval,* nearly sent Forster in for a try and then pushed Canadian noses ahead with a third penalty. Sussex had to reorganize after Borthwick, their tight head prop, went off injured and it seemed their chance had slipped.

But MacMillan was robbed behind the scrum, Colclough established the ruck from which Sussex, *going blind,* had a *two man* overlap. They looked to have wasted it but Walshaw, the East Grinstead centre, battled the defence with a delicate dummy and crossed for a try well converted by Coackley who had missed with three *other place* kicks.

Coackley robbed it in by dropping a goal from the tapped penalty. It was the first time I had watched rugby from the top deck of a bus, doing duty as a press box. I should like to repeat the experience, *but* the Canadians will *not* say the same of their afternoon.

SUSSEX: R Avery (London Welsh); B McLaughlin (Belfast Colleges), A Short (West London Institute), R Walshaw (East Grinstead), D Harrison (East Grinstead); P Coackley (Worthing), T Clarke (Worthing); D Randall (Lewes), N Grantham-Hill (Worthing), T Borthwick (Cambridge University, rep P Hornby, Worthing), R Pearson (Lewes), M Colclough (Wasps, captain), S Purdy (Worthing), R Herbie (Crawley), D Whiting (Lewes).

CANADIANS: M Wyatt; P Palmer, J Delaney, G Fraser, F Forster; P MacLean, I MacMillan (captain), G Dukelow, T Gotzlek, P Kyle, Z Cvitak, R Strang, G Jennings, R Russell, A Stewart.

Referee: A Bevan (Wales).

UDI if only for a day

Trevor James, Pembrokeshire's coach, believes this afternoon's match with the Japanese holds a greater significance than might be acknowledged by others elsewhere. "Apast from attempting to win", he says, "the game must be seen as a *celebration of rugby in the county.*

"Although there are 12 second class clubs in the area there is no first class side. So the nearest we can get to that is through county representation. It is the life blood of the game down here. What I want to *see is a high level* of competence just to prove a point or two to those who tend to forget that we do exist down here."

He might have added, for no doubt it was at the back of his mind, as it is in the forefront of the minds of many others in that part of the world, that the local government reorganization of 1974 did try to do *precisely* that. Push them out of existence, that is. The county as a county does not exist in fact.

Some misguided bureaucrats divided the old county into two districts, renamed them, and allowed them to be swallowed by *Dyfed, the pronunciation of which* still mystifies many a news reader. Despite it all the sense and the spirit of Pembrokeshire survives, stubbornly and correctly, and people are still guided there, not to Dyfed for their holidays.

When the teams take the field this afternoon it will be an historic occasion in the eyes of many who would dearly love to *declare some* form of UDI. So, for a day, the independent Pembrokeshire lives.

They got their chance to play the *Japanese* by winning the county championship in two consecutive years. All the players are drawn from the clubs within the area. Peter Morgan, the Wales and British Lions centre, who comes from Haverfordwest, where today's game *is being played, turned down the* invitation to be part of the squad on the grounds that this should be the opportunity for players from local clubs to perform against the tourists.

Trevor James was particularly impressed with two aspects of the Japanese play. "They surprised me in the way they managed to overcome their physiological disavantage so as to produce an economy of effect. And the lineout is well orchestrated so that for a team with *men of small statute* they get a surprising amount of possession".

For the Japanese it will be another testing time. According to Shiggy Konno the tour manager, the mature players were used in the first game and only five are retained for today's match. "The younger, less experienced, players now get their chance", he says. "They may not have the same overall competence but they are far more adventurous".

PEMBROKESHIRE: G Bowen (Narberth); H Forter (Cardigan), K Morgan (Haverfordwest), W Morgan (Haverfordwest), M Holding (Whitland); G John (South Glamorgan Institute), E Phillips (Cardigan); B Williams (Narberth), J Griffiths (Haverfordwest), G Evans (Tenby United), D Bennett (St David's), A Rose (Tenby United), N Meroney (Tenby United), N Davies (Pembroke, capt), R Price (Narberth).

JAPAN: M. Yasuda; K Honjo, T Yoshino, S Hirao, H Toshima; Y Matsuo (capt), T Oizumi; Y Ikeda, M Inque, K Horaguchi, A Oyagi, K Kawachi, M Chida, K Sajimo, Y Kawase.

GOLF

To bury an infamy

From Mitchell Platts, Palm Beach

Four years ago in America, Ken Brown committed the cardinal sin of losing the respect of his team colleagues. In the 1979 Ryder Cup at White Sulphur Springs, he refused to communicate with his partner, Des Smyth in the foursomes, because he was apparently unhappy with his pairing. He returned home in disgrace, was fined £1,000 and was suspended from international golf for a year.

Brown has regained the favour of his compatriots, and matured into a responsible professional, but the *trials and tribulations in West* Virginia are still there to haunt him. His first appearance in the biennial match against the United States since then provides him with the clear opportunity to eradicate the memory of that infamous day.

"I hate *being reminded about it,*" Brown said. "I accept that I was in the wrong. If I had been the captain, and someone had acted in a similar fashion, I would have sent him home on the spot. But I want it forgotten after this week."

For the twenty-fifth Ryder Cup match, which begins on the PGA national course here on Friday, Brown is ready to underline his reformed character. "I'm not going to let anyone down this time," he explained. "That means being part *of the team right down the* line.

Brown arrived in America by Concorde with his British colleagues, and while *the American* team rested, Tony Jacklin's men began gathering their yardages and preparing for a sensation.

For it would be nothing less than a sensation if the European team triumphed. The Americans were last beaten in 1957 *at Lindrick, and* they have never lost this match on home soil. "We have an awesome task," admitted Jacklin, the team captain. "But there have been many things recently to convince me that if we play well, we can win. Sam Torrance almost won the *Southern Open at* the week-end, and for the first time there were no Americans in the semi-finals of the world match-play championships – and we all know what the Australians achieved in the Americas' Cup.

"We haven't got a winged keel up our sleeve – but we have got 12 players pulling for each other."

Swinging in the rain

By Lewine Mair

Peggy Reece, ni.e times Gloucestershire champion and once a runner-up to Ruth Porter in the English women's championship, is among the 56 competitors who will tee up this morning in the first round of the Senior Ladies British Open Amateur 36-hole *stroke* play championship at Troon, Portland.

Mrs Reece, who has always had a superb touch on and around the greens, is comfortably under the handicap limit of 12. Indeed, she is the only player in the field still *clinging to a handicap of one.*

Prudence Riddiford, who won the title at Ilkley a year ago, is another competitor to watch. A true gol., addict who appears at all the major championships, Mrs Riddiford has gathered ten Sussex county championships.

Peggy Carrick, *mother of the 1977* British Women's champion, Angel Uzielli, is another with an impressive haul of county titles. At the last count, it was eleven – but the fact that she still plays to a handicap of three suggests she could yet add to a collection she started at Sheringham as long ago as 1939.

The only former British champion in the field is Elizabeth Price-Fisher, who won her title at Berkshire in 1959. She intended to play *in her first seniors* a year ago but was just too late in submitting her entry.

The *competitors,* who include two Dutch ladies, two Swedes and an American, were confessing to feeling their age after practising through wind and rain yesterday.

Haydock Park

Draw Advantage: 6f and over low numbers best

Tote Double 3.0, 4.0; Treble 2.30, 3.30, & 4.30

2.00 WHITEBEAM STAKES (Div 1: 2-y-o maidens: £1,965: 1m 40yd) (6 runners)

1	022	BRIAREAN (B) (K Abdulla) G J Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	6
4	04	FAIDROS (E) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-0	P Cook	2
5	0	FIGHTING TRACK (M O'Grady) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	3
8	00	HAYASHI (E Wallace) C Booth 9-0	G Oldroyd	4
9	440424	LAURIE'S PANTHER (L James) D Elsworth 9-0	B Rouse	5
18		RITZY GIRL (Mrs A Ferguson) W Wharton 8-11	W Wharton	1

5-4 Briarean, 11-4 Faidros, 5 Laurie's Panther, 13-2 Hayashi, 14 Fighting Track, 20-1 Ritzy Girl.

2.30 MAPLE HANDICAP (2-y-o selling: £2,074: 7f 40yd) (16)

4	0000	DARING ELLA (E Hollingshead) M Blanshard 9-7	N Adams 7	9
6	000321	ORVILLE'S SONG (E) (S Haginbotham) J Wilson 9-6 (7 ex)	K Darley	3
8	4234	PIMMS PALACE (R Stewart) A Stewart 9-5	G Duffield	1
9	000	SATCH (P Bourne) J Dunlop 9-5	B Raymond	2
10	040014	MIKI MIKI MOTOR (B) (P Savill) T Craig 9-4 (7 ex)	J Lowe	8
15	0000	GOOD FRIENDSHIP (A Donellon) P Rohan 9-0	C Dwyer	14
16	0010	NUI NUI (C) (Mrs P Yong) J Etherington 8-13	J Seagrave	4
17	224431	VIVA LUCIA (C H Newton jun Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-13 (7 ex)	M Wood	16
21	00040	TIMES (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 8-8	T Ives	10
22	000002	LINDRICK VICTOR (J Rowbottom) G Harman 8-7	P Robinson	2
24	02400	ESKER HOUSE (E Murtagh) E Eldin 8-6	A Mackay	15
25	0400022	TAPOUSCHA (B) (R Johnstone) W Haigh 8-6	–	7
27	0240	SOCHER (H Richardson) C Spares 8-3	R Still	6
28	0000	LAST SEASON (B) (J Winterbourne) Mrs C Reavey 8-3	–	13
29	000000	SPRINGTIME DOUBLE (B) (T Bowron) M Lambert 8-1	N Carlisle	11
30	0000	OCTANORM (N Crafield) R Hannon 8-1	A McGlone 3	5

3 Orville's Song, 4 Tapouscha, 11-2 Times, 6 Miki Miki Motors, 8 Pimms Palace, 12 Viva Lucia, 16 Nui Nui, Good Friendship, 20 others.

3.0 HAWTHORN HANDICAP (£2,272: 6f) (19)

4	1-11003	AIR COMMAND (D) (Mrs I Ryles) Mrs G Reveley 3-9-8	E Guest 5	19
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3.30 WALNUT STAKES (£1,849: 5f) (10)

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4.0 OAK HANDICAP (£2,82: 2m28yd) (14)

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Feather, 16 others.

4.30 WHITEBEAM STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maidens: £1,998: 1m 40yd) (10)

2	03	ALL FAIR (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 9-0	K Darley	10
3	0	BLYTHE KNIGHT (Blyth Hall Farm Ltd) E Carter 9-0	C Dwyer	7
6	00	CREETOWER (W van Kooten) C Brittain 9-0	G Starkey	6
7	04	EL CAPISTRANO DAWN (G Maynard) G P-Gordon 9-0	G Duffield	2
9	00	HABAT'S MELODY (J Ackam) K Stone 9-0	M Birch	9
10	32	JERRY CAN (Sheikh Mohammed) Thomson Jones 9-0	P Cook	4
13	00	MAJESTIC LAD (P Hughes) M Lambert 9-0	G Idroyd	5
14	04	PHAROAH'S TREASURE (A Bingley) D Elsworth 9-0	B Rouse	3
19	0	INGLYFACH (J Smith) M Eckley 8-11	M Rimmer 3	1
20	0	SLEDGE (J Wigan) K Brassey 8-121	T Ives	8

13-8 Jerry Can, 3 Pharoah's Treasure, 11-2 All Fair, 8 El Capistrano Dawn, 10 Sledge, 14 Majestic Lad, 20 others.

Haydock Park Selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.0 Briarean. 2.30 Times. 3.0 Air Command. 3.30 Sanu. 4.0 Karablake. 4.30 Jerry Can.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Faidros. 2.30 Pimms Palace. 3.0 Hot Roll. 3.30 Sanu. 4.0 Red Field. 4.30 Jerry Can.

Wetherby selections

2.0 Parselle. 2.30 Thornacre. 3.05 Ash King. 3.40 State Case. 4.10 Winning Brief. 4.40 W Six Times. 5.15 Bright Sheriff.

Plumpton selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Coral Leisure, 2.45 Altaghaderry Run, 3.15 Hot Match, 3.45 Crown Land, 4.15 Lucky Rew, 4.45 Dhofar, 5.15 Busby Quay.

Redcar results

Going: Good to firm

2.15 AIRY HILL STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £1,069: 1m)

HIGH REEF br c, by Take a Reef – Hi Tess (C Blackwell) 8-11 .... E Hide (5-1) 1
T W S Homes .... A Mackay (25-1) 2
Pead Run .... J Lowe (20-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.30. Places: £1.60, £3.20, £12.10. DF: £124.60. CSF: £123.44. Hbt Jones at Malton. 1l, nk. Arbor Lane 5-2 fav. Kalarose (10-1 4th. 18 ran NR: Takachiho's Girl.

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TOTE: Win: £2.90. DF: £1.10. CSF: £5.03. M Prescott at Newmarket. 1½l, 12l. 4 ran.

4.15 BOULBY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,580: 1m 1f)

WARPLANE b c by Warpath – Glider (G Reed) 9-5 .... J Bleasdale (9-2 fav) 1
Ballagarrow Girl .... S Perks (20-1) 2
Tharaleos .... E Guest (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.50. Places: £2.00, £2.80, £2.50. DF: £28.00. CSF: £80.40. Tricast: £428.13. C Thornton at Middleham. 1½l, 3l. Lanab (10-1) 4th. 13 ran.

4.45 RALPH CROSS HANDICAP (£1,721: 6f)

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Newton Abbot

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Warwick results

Going: Good to soft

1.30 MOP APPRENTICES STAKES (maidens selling: £483: 1m)

SPIV'S RIGHT ch f, by Mount Hagen – Right Minx 8-11 .... T Williams (4-1 fav) 1
Free Light Laser .... Susan Gilbert (20-1) 2
Titianello .... W Osborne (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.10. Places: £2.10, £11.60. [illegible]

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Folkestone

Going: Good

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Wetherby

2.0 HALLFIELD HURDLE (Div I: novices: £690: 2m) (12 runners)

2	01	PARSELLE (D) C H Bell 7-11-5	J O'Neill
3	2-	CANDY DAWN J G FitzGerald 7-11-0	M Dwyer
5	00/00-	DAWN RIVER N F Crump 6-11-0	C Hawkins
6	-4003	RIGHT CHARLIE J Alder 8-11-0	Miss V Alder 7
8	F00-	SAUCEPOT G Richards 5-11-0	Mr D Coakley
9	00-43	SCOTTISH AIR W A Stephenson 6-11-0	K Jones 4
10		YOUNG ROBIN J F Robinson 6-11-0	Mr H Gill
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5.15 OCTOBER HURDLE (Div II: selling: £682: 2m) (14)

1	0-443	ASPEN FLARE R E Howe 7-11-5	–
7	100-F	ELLENSLAD C Drew 8-11-5	R Strange 4
11	F-00	GAWNIMYSUN M Madgwick 5-11-5	A Madgwick 4
15	3400-	QUESTURNUS H Wills 8-11-5	K Burke 7
19	40/B-	ROYAL RICHES J R Jenkins 8-11-5	J Francome
21	00-00	THE DOWNS D C Jenny 7-11-5	G Old
22	0-P0P	TUDOR BOB R A Atkins 5-11-5	R Atkins
23		USTED ARRIBA Mrs P Townsley 8-11-5	Mr P Townsley
24	/0003	VENTURDON J D Davies 9-11-5	L Mancini 7
25	000-2	BUSBY QUAY M McCourt 5-11-0	H Davies
26	P-00F	CHEVELEY STAR F Jordan 4-11-0	C Smith
35	3	JAZZ FORTESCUE A R Davison 4-10-9	R Pusey 7
36	3300-	LOTUS DANCER R E Howe 4-10-9	–
37	2-	MAIDA VALE S Woodman 4-10-9	W Smith

9-4 Busy Quay, 3 Maida Vale, 7-2 Aspen Flare, 5 Jazz Fortescue, 8 Royal Riches, 12 Lotus Dancer, 16 others.

Plumpton

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Perth

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11	007	Laugh-A-Minute 4-11-3	G Wilkinson 4
15	00-	All Seasons 4-10-2	K Whyte

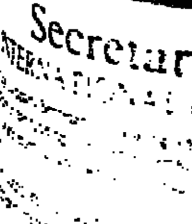
11-10 Laugh-A-Minute, 3 Black Pedi, 5 Headmore, 7 Raelabout.

PERTH SELECTIONS: 2.15 Top Touch, 2.45 Moon Dreamer, 3.15 Ryecroft, 3.45 Our Cloud, 4.15 Drum Rullagh, 4.45 Laugh-A-Minute.

● The Tote are to restore the 50p each-way bet at all meetings except Royal Ascot and the Cheltenham festival. The £1 minimum was first introduced to Members and Tattersalls in 1981, and extended to all enclosures earlier this year. From this Thursday, there will also be a new 50p minimum for dual forecast combination bets, although the £1 minimum will remain for single win, place or dual forecast bets.

● Vincent O'Brien has confirmed that the unbeaten El Gran Senor will run in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on Friday and that Salmon Leap will be in the line-up for the Dubai Champion Stakes on Saturday. Pat Eddery rides both. El Gran Senor, a son of Northern Dancer, has been installed as 11-4 favourite with the sponsors for the Dewhurst







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TENNIS

Lucky break for Britain drawing Italy at home

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Britain will be at home to Italy from February 24-26 in the first round of the Davis Cup competition, which is sponsored by the NEC Corporation. This will be the fifth tie between these nations in nine years. Italy won three of the others but were beaten at Brighton in 1981. They are going through a vulnerably transitional phase and are probably the weakest of the eight seeded nations. Britain could not have had a better draw.

The record entry of 62 includes two newcomers, Senegal and Singapore. The 16 teams in what is known as the "world group" consist of eight seeds and eight other nations who reached the second round, or won play-off ties to avoid relegation, or earned promotion from the four zonal qualifying competitions.

Paul Hutchins, the British team manager, said yesterday: "This is probably the best draw we could have had. Italy are by no means weak but they are one of the few countries in the draw we have a really good chance of beating. It is good, too, that if we beat them we will have another home tie in the next round. We deserved a bit of luck. We have been drawn away in the past two years."

Britain's second round opponents would presumably be Australia, who beat them at Adelaide last March and will oppose Sweden in this year's final, at Melbourne from December 26 to 28. Australia will have played all four of their 1983 ties at home on grass. The management committee consider that this sort of luck evens itself out and that legislation to prevent it is therefore unnecessary.

Britain's prospects are enhanced by the fact that Hutchins now seems satisfied that Colin Dowdeswell, the most highly ranked player in the country, is fully committed to Britain rather than Switzerland. Dowdeswell is British by birth and parentage and now lives where he was born, at Wimbledon.

Dowdeswell was brought up in what was then Rhodesia, played singles and doubles for Rhodesia against Switzerland in 1976, and settled in Switzerland the following year. He has a Swiss ranking and won their indoor championship in January.

He has lived in England since 1980 and has made a permanent home here. Dowdeswell reckons there is not much future for a minority group in what is now Zimbabwe and that anyone who has left has the feeling "where's my home?".

The European indoor equivalent of the Davis Cup competition is the King's cup event, to be played in January. This will be useful preparation for the tie with Italy and Hutchins considers the King's Cup may be ideal for Dowdeswell's introduction the British team. Like John Lloyd, Dowdeswell is just as effective in doubles as in singles, which means that Christopher Mottram (a relactant doubles player) should now be free to give singles his undivided attention.

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz), 2,274 pts; 1, M Wilander (Swe), 2,226; 3, J Connors (US), 2,080; 4, J McEnroe (US), 1,800; 5, Y Noah (Fr), 1,882; 6, J Arias (US), 1,680; 7, J Higueras (Sp), 1,333; 8, J L Clerc (Arg), 1,125; 9, A Gomez (Ec), 988; 10, G Vilas (Arg), 936.

Davis Cup draw

WORLD GROUP: (x) Australia v Yugoslavia; Great Britain v (x) Italy; West Germany v (x) Argentina; Romania v (x) US; (x) Czechoslovakia v Denmark; India v France; (x) New Zealand v Paraguay; (x) Sweden v Ecuador.

EUROPEAN ZONE A: first round: (x) USSR bye; Zimbabwe v Monaco; (x) Austria v Lebanon; Norway v Portugal; Greece v Poland; (x) Israel bye; Senegal v Tunisia; (x) Switzerland bye. Matches to be played on May 4-6. Zone B, First round: (x) Hungary bye; Egypt v Luxembourg; (x) Bulgaria bye; Belgium v Turkey; Spain v Algeria; (x) Netherlands bye. Finland v Morocco; (x) Ireland bye. Matches to be played from May 4 to 6.

AMERICAN ZONE: First round: (x) Chile bye; Colombia bye; (x) Canada bye; Venezuela v Mexico; Commonwealth Caribbean bye; (x) Uruguay bye; Peru bye; (x) Brazil bye. Matches to be played on January 13-15.

EASTERN ZONE: First round: (x) Indonesia bye; Pakistan v Malaysia; (x) Thailand bye; Hongkong v Chinese Taipei; Sri Lanka v China; (x) Korea bye; Philippines v Singapore; (x) Japan bye.

Matches to be played from January 13 to 15.

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Mappin's girls set fair

The pick of Britain's young players have their best chance of improving a meagre record against the United States when they challenge for the Maureen Connolly Trophy, in Cambridge, over the next three days.

This annual international, virtually the junior Wightman Cup, has been dominated by the Americans since the inauguration in the 1970's. They hold a 9-1 series lead over Britain, who last won in 1975 at Torquay.

This time Sue Mappin, director of women's tennis in this country, has an experienced team of players at her disposal. All of them have played in major tournaments across the world. Annabel Croft and Shelley Walpole, qualified for last month's United States open championship, and Sara Gomer, the tall, left-hander from Devon who opens the programme this afternoon, competed in the French open.

The Americans on the other hand, do not have the experience of full time competition. Four of them, all Californians, are at university and the fifth member, Caroline Kuhlman, who meets Miss Gomer, is still at high school in Kentucky.

DRAW: (British names first): Today: S Gomer v C Kuhlman; R Einy v P Fendick (at 2pm); A Croft v C Fernandez; Croft, Einy v Fendick, L A Eldredge (at 6pm); Tomorrow: J Salmon v Eldredge; S Walpole v V B Gerken (at 2pm); Einy v Kuhlman; Gomer v Fendick (at 6pm); Friday: Walpole v Fernandez; Croft v Gerken; Gomer and Salmon v Gerken and Kuhlman (at 2pm).

Australia reject change of dates

MELBOURNE, (AFP) – Australia has rejected three Swedish proposals of alternative dates for the Davis Cup final, a spokesman for the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia (LTAA) said yesterday.

The LTAA council, which met on Monday, confirmed that the final would be held on December 26, 27 and 28.

Sweden had proposed that the final be held immediately after the New South Wales Women's Open which ends on November 27, immediately after the New South Wales Men's Open which ends on December 18 or on December 23, 24 and 25.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Home tie could be windfall for Invicta

By Keith Macklin

Kent Invicta, whose financial restructuring and debts were discussed at a management committee meeting yesterday, have the opportunity to earn much-needed cash in the first round ties of the John Player Trophy. The draw, made yesterday, gives Invicta a home game at Maidstone against one of the most famous sides in the first division, St Helens.

Although the Saints have not had the best of seasons so far, they are noted cup fighters and rank with Wigan, Leeds and Widnes as trophy hunters. Invicta's highest home gate so far was the 1,800 who saw the opening match against Cardiff City. With luck and good weather, the St Helens cup tie should bring in well over 2,000 spectators.

Fulham are less lucky. They are drawn away from home to the Wembley cup holders, Featherstone Rovers, but can take encouragement from the fact that Rovers are having a poor season in the first division. The outstanding tie of the first round is the meeting between Castleford and Hull, who are the finalists in Saturday's Yorkshire Cup final at Leeds.

Wigan, the holders, have been given a reasonably easy opening task in defence of the trophy. They are at home to the second division side, York who havemade a moderate start to the season.

The Lancashire cup holders, Barrow, are riding the crest of a wane but they have misginings aboutthe trip to Halifax. Bill Caine, the Barrow secretary, said yesterday: "Our record in matches at Halifax is not too good."

Blackpool Borough are another lowly side who can take advantageof a goodgatewithihe visit of Leeds; Cardiff City are at home to Rochadale Hornets

There is a preliminary round on October 23 featuring two matches: Batley v Doncaster and Whitehaven v Widnes. Widnes are likely to ask Whitehaven to switch the game to midweek. The first round proper will be played on the weekend of November 5 and 6.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Preliminary round: Batley v Doncaster; Whitehaven v Widnes. Ties to be played on October 23. First round: Huddersfield v Huyton; Batley or Doncaster v Salford; Wigan v York; Hull KR v Bramley; Wakefield Trinity v Warrington; Featherstone v Fulham; Carlisle v Workington Town; Halifax v Barrow; Cardiff v Rochdale; Whitehaven or Widnes v Bradford Northern; Kent Invicta v St Helens; Swinton v Hunslet; Dewsbury v Keighley; Oldham v Leigh; Castleford v Hull; Blackpool v Leeds. Ties to be played on November 5 and 6.

Gilks: taking a big step back into the fold after the wrangles

Badminton needs to make a fresh start

Grousing is over and a sport can take wing

By Richard Eaton

The resurrection of the Masters invitation tournament starting today and finishing on Saturday, at a new venue, the Spectrum Arena, Warrington and with a new sponsor, Famous Grouse, is more than usually timely.

Four years ago this was the event that ushered in in the professional era, and after a start in which the badminton made cautious but promising progress, the sport, surprisingly, became becalmed and diverted. It lost fixtures and sponsors and television coverage, with the players that helped make England the third best badminton nation in the world complaining they had to make most of their money abroad and with one of them, Gillian Gilks, becoming involved with the Badminton Association of England in a long and costly wrangle.

It was the exclusion of Mrs Gilks, the former world No. 1 from the Masters that caused the trouble, and now that the problems have been settled out of court, Mrs Gilks is again taking part. The B.A. of E has cause to hope now for happier and more solvent days. The event's new beginning is thus of symbolic significance.

The tournament returns after the televising on Channel 4 of the World Championships in Copenhagen, the announcement of a series of international matches against the world's most improved badminton country, South Korea, and the progress of Helen Troke to the top of the Pro-Kennex International grand prix points table with only two tournaments to go.

Miss Troke, still only 18, the current Commonwealth champion, Swedish Open Champion and a world bronze medal winner, is the game's most maketable property in this country at the moment. To win the £1,800 first prize on Saturday, she will have to resist the challenge of Sally Podger of Guernsey, whom she beat in the Commonwealth final, Japan's Yoshiko Yonekura, whom she beat in the world championships, and Chen Ruizhen of China, whom she has not beaten – but could on current form.

"So many people talked about Helen becoming the new Gillian Gilks, and for a while that was hard for her", the England manager Ciro Ciniglio said. "But she's more professional now than I've ever seen her." This is partly as a result of two months almost constant travel and competition in Indonesia, Malaysia and Korea.

Certainly the English men will find it hard to snatch the headlines from her. Kevin Jolly, the ever controversial national champion who has now not played for England for more than 18 months (he turned down the Far East trip), has had equipment contract problems and has begun the season indifferently. He also has Prakash Padukone, the 1980 All-England champion, Morten Frost, the 1982 All-England champion, and Icuk Sugiarto the reigning world champion, in his group.

Steve Baddeley, the joint England No 1 faces the reigning All-Enland champion, Luan Jin, the European champion, Jens-Peter Nierhoff, and Misbun Sidek, the Malaysian No 1 who is currently wearing a streak of blonde down the middle of his hair, following the Mohican head shave he sported some time ago. Perhaps this intimidated his national association, which opposed his application to become a licensed player, but which has now apparently given way.

Baddeley had managed to beat him in the past, and Nierhoff as well, so he is not without hope of making some impact, though the feeling persists that England's second No 1 Nick Yates, who reached the last eight of the All-England, might have been a better bet than either Baddeley or Jolly.

Meanwhile England's doubles hopes are reduced now that the redoubtable Nora Perry, twice a world championship gold medal winner, is pregnant, although Martin Daw has chances of two titles in partnership with two stalwarts, Mrs Gilks in the mixed and Mike Tredgett in the men's doubles. Jane Webster, previously world doubles champion with Mrs Perry and world runner-up in May, has the Indonesian, Ivana as her scratch partner.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Tests for drugs on Olympic triallists

Colorado Springs, (AP) – American athletes competing in Olympic trials will undergo mandatory drug testing and face disqualification from the 1984 Games if they do not pass, the United States Olympic committee officials have said.

In some cases, drug-testing crews will show up unannounced at other athletic events besides the Olympic trials, according to Don Millar, executive director of the US Olympic committee. "We must clean this programme up once and for all," Mr Miller said at a news conference at US Olympic headquarters here.

The testing programme was launched as a result of events at the Pan-American Games in August when 16 athletes were found to have illegal substances in their systems, which ranged from eye drops to anabolic steroids. They were stripped of any medals and records registered at the Pan-American Games. Mr Miller said that the new programme will feature both voluntary testing, which carries no punishment, and formal testing, reserved mainly for Olympic trials.

Mr Miller added that the programme was designed to "assist our athletes. The bottom line is that drugs are harmful to the individual. Those who take drugs and win are winning unfairly, and that goes to the heart of morality in sports."

ICE HOCKEY

Share out for clubs

By Robert Pryce

British League premier division ice hockey clubs learned yesterday they will receive £1,200 each with the prospect of more to come when details of Heineken's sponsorship, worth nearly £100,000 this season, were announced.

Each month the leading goalscorers in the premier and first division, the coach of the month and any netminder achieving a shut out, will be rewarded with a memento and four dozen cans of the company's lager. Further prize money payment will be made at the end of the season.

Other funds will be used for junior coaching and referee development, according to Frederick Meredith, the president of the British Ice Hockey Association. He added: "Through Heineken we hope to reach the parts of the sport we have been unable to reach hitherto."

MODERN PENTATHLON: Peter Tayler, aged 21, will press his claim for an Olympic team place by competing in the junior world championship at Coto de Caza, California, from October 14-20. The olympics are at the same venue next year. He will be joined in the British world championship team by Robin May, 20, and Jason Lawrence, 18.

TABLE TENNIS

Testing time for England

By a Special Correspondent

England have their most formidable encounter of the season when they take on Sweden in the second European Superleague match at Sunderland tonight.

In Mikael Appelgren, Jan-Ove Waldner and Erik Lindh, Sweden have the players who finished first, second and third in the world cup in Barbados last month. These three, aged 22, 17 and 19 respectively, are improving at such a prodigious rate that they are challenging China as the top table tennis nation.

But Carl Prean, the England number one aged 16, scored one win over Waldner in Barbados, and if he and Desmond Douglas, the English national champion, both hit their best form England have a hope. Victory would make talk of the European Superleague title realistic.

England have added two players to the three that won four-three in Poland last month. Graham Sandley may take over as double partner to fellow lefthander Douglas, and Lisa Bellinger, 16, will challenge with national champion Karen Witt for both the mixed doubles and the singles places. Marie Lindblad, an all out forehand attacker, will play women's singles for Sweden.

Dutch cyclist move

Hilversum (AFP) – Gerrie Knetemann, the Dutch cyclist, has transferred from the Raleigh to the Belgium Europ-Decor team.

BOXING: Kieran Joyce, 19, holder of the Irish ABA welterweight title, has pulled out of the Rest of Europe amateur boxing team for the World Cup in Rome at the weekend suffering from an arm injury.

SQUASH RACKETS

Zaman determined to bring down Jahangir

Auckland, (Reuter) – Qamar Zaman, of Pakistan, said yesterday that he was as ready as he could possibly be to upset the remarkable youngster, Jahangir Khan in today's final of the world squash championship here. He vowed at the start of the year that he would end the run of victories by Jahangir, aged 19, who has not lost a match in 31 months.

But he fell victim to him in three major finals this year, the Irish Open, the French Open and the International Squash Players Association Championship. Each time he went down by three sets to one.

"I've been losing to Jahangir for two or three years now," said Qamar, who is 32. "So this year I have decided to train harder than ever before. This summer, I ran for three months, five to six to miles a day. That is a lot for me – I used to run only half a mile. "I say to myself that I'm going to beat him this year and so far I've had good results."

Jahangir said: "I am confident enough at the moment not to to care who I play. I'll just try to keep my length, eliminate mistakes. I'm happy I am playing as well as I can."

Qamar admitted that his propensity to go for winners had cost him dearly against Jahangir, but he said he would not change his tactics. "It will take a shot-maker to beat Jahangir," he said. I can't go on and rally anyway. Even if I try to tell myself to rally, I see a ball sit up in the air and I want to go for a nick. I will try to make him run. He's a human being, and if he runs he will get tired like anyone. But I will always go for my shots."

Jahangir reached the final by beating Stu Davenport of New Zealand 9-4, 9-2, 9-0 in a match marred by a high number of lets. Though he is normally totally composed on court, Jahangir made his frustration known to the crowd, and at one stage raised a finger of warning at Davenport, whom he later accused of pushing.

Zaman: running for the top

Qamar beat Hiddy Jahan of England 9-3, 9-5, 2-9, 9-3 in the other semi-final. "Qamar was superior on the day," Hiddy said. "He's a good enough player to beat Jahangir.

More money for TT

The Winners of the Isle of Man TT races, from June 2 to 3 next year, can expect an increase in earnings. Prize money and starting money total nearly £300,000. In addition to the regular programme of seven events, there are races for machines of the type purchased over the counter and for those of yesteryear.

HOCKEY

Hongkong drop-outs

By Sydney Friskin

West Germany have finally decided not to take part in the international tournament in Hongkong from December 8 to 18, and the organizers have now extended an invitation to Spain. The 11 countries who have already agreed to take part are Pakistan, India, Netherlands, Australia, Great Britain, Malaysia, Canada, Japan, China, South Korea and Hongkong.

The Council of the Hockey Association, having earlier agreed to pay a sum of £400 towards the deficit of £4,500 in the Great Britain men's hockey board budget, decided to make a further donation of £600 if the debt is not cleared.

The Great Britain men's squad will have another training weekend at Bisham Abbey on Saturday and Sunday. Billy McLean, absent last time, will be there, but David Leiper and Donald Hay have already withdrawn and so has Douglas Potter, recently married and undecided whether to remain in the Great Britain squad.

The Hockey Association have formed a sponsorship sub-committee whose aim is to find sponsors for events at national level. These include the national club championship (indoor and outdoor) the county championship and all activities involving the England senior and junior teams. For the past 12 years English hockey has enjoyed block sponsorship, first from Benson and Hedges, and then Rank Xerox but with the recent expiry of that contract, the association are high and dry.

BOOK REVIEW

Exuding the authentic atmosphere of the ice rink

By Dennis Bird

Ice dance championships are decided by the marks awarded by judges who are seldom in agreement and who usually think that any performance, however good, could have been better. How extraordinary, then, was that moment at Helsinki last March when an international jury from nine countries unanimously gave the perfect mark of 6.0 to two young Britons for the artistic impression they had created at the world championships.

The story of their remarkable partnership is now told in *Torvill and Dean* (David and Charles, £7.95), and some 30 per cent of it is in their own words, in tape-recorded contributions which add vividness and insight to the narrative. This is no scissors-and-paste compilation, but a thoroughly researched and well-informed book by a writer who knows the skating world from within.

John Hennessy, a former sports editor of *The Times* and its present skating correspondent, has covered all the great events in the lives of Dean and Miss Torvill, and the friendship which has developed between the three of them over the years has resulted in a happy and frank literary collaboration. In the background a fourth particiant is ever-present - Betty Callaway, the calm and wise trainer who has guided the brilliant couple to the most prodigious success in ice dancing history, and knows more than anyone how it was done.

Dean and Miss Torvill have won two European titles and have been world champions since 1981, bringing a rare degree of originality, technical dexterity and physical daring to their sport.

The book explores the complex relationship between the two skaters, and at the end, each has a chapter of uninhibited comment on the other. (Jayne: "Quarrels are inevitable when you are doing something creative . . . I cannot match his brand of sarcasm." Chris: "I think we fell in love and out again.") The picture that emerges is of two attractive young people, formerly rather shy, who have matured until an almost telepathic understanding exists between them on the ice.

Lawrence Demmy, a former world champion and now chairman of the International Skating Union's dance committee, puts it neatly: "If one of them makes a slight mistake, the other can almost match it at the same time so that it probaly goes unnoticed."

Hennessy has cast his net wide in seeking information; he has talked with judges, trainers, administrators, team managers, and others involved, including the actor Michael Crawford who helped develop the memorable "Barnum" programme. The book deals tactfully with the circumstances in which the dancers parted company with Janet Sawbridge, the coach who first brought them together in 1975, and with the controversy over Nottingham city council's grant to cover their training costs - grants now seen as a far-sighted investment, especially if they win the Olympic gold medal at Sarajevo in February.

There is little about the champions' childhood and family life, but the book contains a wealth of interesting technical data, about devizing programmes, working out championship results (a complex but statistically fair process), even about skate-grinding. To anyone familiar with this esoteric but fascinating sport every page exudes the authentic atmosphere of the ice rink.

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Discretion of judge in severing counts

Regina v McGlinchey

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice French

[Judgment delivered October 7]

Consideration of the exercise of judicial discretion governing the severance of counts in an indictment was given in the Court of Appeal when their Lordships suggested that the editors of *Archbold Criminal Pleading Evidence and Practice* should consider recasting a passage in paragraph 1–77 of the 41st edition (1982) pages 65 and 66.

An appeal by Michael McGlinchey from conviction at Coventry Crown Court (Mr Recorder Dillon, QC) on counts of handling stolen photographic equipment on July 19, 1982 and handling a stolen credit card on September 2, 1982 was dismissed. He was acquitted on a count charging burglary on July 29, 1982 in which the credit card was one of the items stolen and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment.

Mr Rex Tedd, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr David McEvoy, QC, for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE FRENCH, giving the judgment of the court, said that before the appellant was put in charge of the jury his counsel submitted that the charges of burglary and handling the credit card should be severed and tried separately from the charge of handling the photographic equipment. The recorder refused and the appeal was brought against that refusal.

The power to join several offences in one indictment was derived from rule 9 of the Indictment Rules (SI 1971 No 1253), which provided that charges for any offences might be joined in the same indictment if they were founded on the same facts or formed or were part of "a series of offences of the same or a similar character".

That was subject to the provision in section 5(3) of the *Indictments Act 1915* that, where the court was of opinion that a person accused might be prejudiced or embarrassed in his defence by being charged with more than one offence in the same indictment or that for any other reason it was desirable to direct that he should be tried separately for any one or more offences charged in one indictment, the court might order a separate trial of any such count or counts.

The principles which applied to the exercise of the judicial discretion, so far at least as was material for present purposes, could be expressed shortly as follows.

1 Two offences might constitute a series.

2 Rule 9 did not mean that joinder of offences could be sanctioned only if they arose out of the same acts or formed part of a system of conduct.

3 A sufficient nexus had to exist between the offences.

4 A sufficient nexus would exist if evidence of one offence would be admissible on the trial of the other, but the rule was not confined to such cases.

5 All that was necessary to satisfy the rule was that the offences should exhibit such similar features that they could conveniently be tried together in the general interests of justice, including those of the defendant, the Crown, the witnesses and the public.

6 The manifest intention of the 1915 Act was that charges which either were founded on the same facts or were related to a series of offences of the same or a similar character properly could and normally should be joined in one indictment and a joint trial of the charges would normally follow, although the judge had a discretionary power to direct separate trials under section 5(3).

7 The judge had no duty to direct separate trials under section 5(3) unless in his opinion there was some special feature of the case which would make the joint trial of several counts prejudicial or embarrassing to the accused and separate trials were required in the interests of justice. In some cases the offences charged might be too numerous and complicated so that a joint trial of all counts was likely to cause confusion and the defence might be embarrassed or prejudiced. In other cases objection might be taken to the inclusion of a count on the ground that it was of a scandalous nature and likely to arouse in the minds of the jury hostile feelings against the accused.

Paragraphs 1 to 5 of the foregoing were derived from and were in substance quoted from *R v Kray* ([1970] 1 QB 125). They were approved by the House of Lords in *R v Ludlow* ([1971] AC 29). Paragraphs 6 and 7 were direct quotations from *Ludlow*, a unanimous decision of the House of Lords, among their Lordships being Lord Wilberforce.

In the light of the foregoing it could hardly be doubted that the recorder had a discretion to order separate trials of the burglary and card-handling charges or that his refusal was a proper and unchallengeable exercise of his discretion.

The argument that he was wrong stemmed from a passage in *Archbold* following citation of *Kray*, *Ludlow* and other authorities. The passage in paragraph 1-77 stated that there were, however, *dicta* of Lord Wilberforce and Lord Cross of Chelsea in *R v Boardman* ([1975] AC 421) to the effect that

"(1) where counts have been joined in one indictment in pursuance of rule 9, but the evidence on one count relates only to that count and is not admissible on the similar fact principle on the other count, the judge ought to accede to an application for the separate trial of the count or counts in question, and

"(2) the issue as to whether the evidence upon one count is admissible upon others and hence the question as to whether there should be separate trials, should if possible be dealt with as a preliminary issue".

The *dicta* of Lords Wilberforce and Cross were not to be regarded as being intended to apply beyond the circumstances such as those before the House in *Boardman* (allegations of homosexual conduct involving a number of boys).

There were strong indications that Lords Wilberforce and Cross had confined their *dicta* to such circumstances.

It was inconceivable that, if Lords Wilberforce and Cross had intended to cast doubt on the decision in *Ludlow*, they would not have made express reference to that fact and to *Ludlow*.

In *Boardman* two offences were tried together and, all their Lordships held, were rightly so tried because the evidence in one was admissible for the other. But for that the facts in *Boardman* might well, as Lords Wilberforce and Cross plainly thought, have required an order for separate trials of the two counts. They were certainly and arguably at least of a scandalous nature and likely to arouse in the minds of the jury hostile feelings against the accused.

In the present case no such considerations arose, nor had they arisen in *Ludlow* which involved attempted larceny, nor in *R v Blackstock* ([1979] 70 Cr App R 34) which involved counts of robbery and associated offences.

In *Blackstock* the court rejected the argument raised in the present appeal.

The appeal was dismissed. There was no substance in the contention that the recorder exercised his discretion other than with complete propriety.

It was right that their Lordships should add that, in the light of *Blackstock* and the present judgment, the editors of *Archbold* should consider recasting the passages in paragraph 1-77

An order was made for payment of the Crown's costs out of central funds.

Solicitors: Mr L S. Manson, Birmingham.

Prejudice to defendant by plaintiff's delay

Haynes v Atkins

In considering prejudice to a defendant by a plaintiff's delay, the *dicta* of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *Biss v Lambeth Southwark and Lewisham AHA (Teaching)* ([1978] 1 WLR 382) that there was prejudice to a defendant in having an action hanging over his head indefinitely was not limited to cases where the writ had been issued outside the limitation period, nor was it necessary for the defendant to file an affidavit attesting that he had been oppressed by the delay, Mr Justice Drake (sitting with Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce in the Court of Appeal) held on October 11.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the court was entitled to consider prejudice where there had been undue delay. In such cases it could be taken into account that a professional man was likely to suffer from the burden of having an action hanging over his head

Sentence out of time limit not invalid

Regina v Anderson (James)

When crown court staff by mistake believed that a judge had reserved to himself a case remitted for sentence, which he deferred for five months, and consequent on the mistake sentence was not passed by him until some eight weeks later than the six-month limit for deferment under section 1 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, the crown court sentence was not made without jurisdiction and was proper. Accordingly the Court of Appeal had no power under section 10(2)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 to review the sentence, and it could not be quashed on an application to the Queen's Bench Divisional Court for judicial review.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, sitting with Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice French in the Court of Appeal on October 10, gave judgment dismissing an application by James Anderson for leave to appeal against fines totalling £60 or 28 days' imprisonment in default passed at Inner London Crown Court (Judge Cooke). Anderson had been committed for sentence by Greenwich Justices on pleas of guilty to burglary and to an attempt to obtain property by deception, with two offences taken into consideration.

His Lordship said that the judge was unavailable on the specified date and if he had in fact reserved the case to himself then, in accordance with *R v Ingles* ((1974) 59 Cr App R 304), no objection could have been made to his passing sentence. The court staff's mistaken belief did not have the effect of depriving the crown court of its jurisdiction.

The consequent delay affected not jurisdiction but what sentence would be proper, and the judge clearly had that in mind. Nothing said diminished the desirability of dealing with a deferred sentence as near as possible to the due date.

Representations on planning after inquiry

Regina v Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Whitecroft plc

It was always open to the Secretary of State for the Environment to accept representations from interested parties after the close of a public inquiry into planning or related matters, even though those representations dealt with matters which could have been put before the inquiry.

Mr Justice Woolf so held in the Queen's Bench Division on October 11, refusing the applicant, Whitecroft plc, leave to apply for judicial review by way of an order prohibiting Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council from making further representations to the secretary of state regarding an appeal by the applicant against the making of a compulsory purchase order, in which a public inquiry had already been held.

HIS LORDSHIP said that where representations were made to the secretary of state by a local authority after the close of an inquiry which could have been addressed to the inspector at the inquiry, other parties might have a strong argument to be addressed to the secretary of state that he should exercise his discretion against that authority and not consider such representations.

However, the court would not interfere with the exercise of that discretion, provided that the secretary of state complied with the procedural rules and the requirements of natural justice which, among other things, required him to notify the other interested parties of any such representations which he was proposing to consider and to invite them to respond to them.

Particulars of breaches are required

Chakravorty v Braganza

Practitioners were reminded that where committal to prison was sought under Order 54, rule 4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for breach of an injunction or undertaking, the notice of motion and supporting affidavit had to identify specifically the alleged breaches so that the alleged contemnor could know precisely what was alleged against him.

MR JUSTICE COMYN, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division on October 6, said that it was not sufficient for the notice and affidavit merely to allege generally that the defendant had committed acts in breach of his undertaking, and a motion in such terms was bound to fail.

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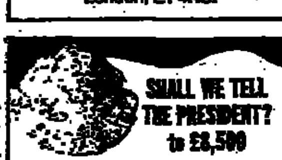
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Superb detached house fronting quiet attractive square on private estate. Luxury Ness kitchen and utility, large lounge and dining room, 4 beds, fully tiled shower room, bathroom, cloakroom, Gas C.H., d/glazing, fitted carpets, walled garden with patio & garage, 5 mins. heath, village, station.
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LUXURY PENTHOUSE FLAT
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COLLEGE GDNS, SE21.
Superbly appointed mod family house adjacent to Dulwich Art Gallery. In first class decorative condition. Tastefully refurbished throughout. 4/5 beds, study (5th bed), 2 bath (1 ensuite), lounge, dining rm, excel kit, cloak/WC, utility area. Dble gge. GCH. F/H £135,000. Sole Agents.

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Unique det chalet bungalow with excel accom & space for extension. 4 beds, 2 bath (1 ensuite), drawing rm, dining rm, kit/b'fast rm, cellar. GCH. Dble gge. 1st floor has been prepared for further extension & has a separate lounge. F/H £140,000. Sole Agents.

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Spacious mansion flat. 3 beds, 2 receps. Must be seen.
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Property Buyers' Guide

Residential Property Abroad

No finer time for a niche in the sun

The continuing strength of the pound in Europe is still acting as an incentive for the British to purchase leisure homes in currency-weak France, Portugal and Spain. The frenetic activity following the lifting of exchange control regulations some four years ago has stabilized since the June election as the potential purchaser became well aware that there is not going to be a sudden clampdown on currency movement. Undoubtedly during the rest of the year and well into spring, 1984 is going to be a buyer's market with most major developers in the south of France, Algarve and Costa del Sol concentrating on the UK buyer.

The escudo was last devalued – by 12 per cent – in June this year; the peseta is being weakened by rumours of a further devaluation; while the French franc at 11.8 to the pound has caused property prices on some holiday complexes in the south to come into line with similar developments in Marbella.

The 350-acre Val d'Azur estate being developed in the hills between Valbonne and Biot, some 12 kilometres inland from Antibes, typifies the new trend in the south of France to attract the UK buyer, offering communal swimming pools, tennis courts and on-site management. It is possible to buy a one-bedroom galleried studio villa here from £32,000.

Those in phase one are sold out but the studios in the second phase will be ready for occupation next summer. The two-bedroom villas currently available range in price from £60,000 to about £98,000 – the enormous price differential reflecting size of villa, position and internal design. The three-four bedroom properties in the first phase are, like the studios, all sold.

Those being built in phase two are being marketed from £94,000 to £125,000. Building is limited to designated areas and planning permission was only obtained on the strength of more than half the estate remaining as wooded parkland.

Adjacent to the tiny harbour of Miramara, 12 kilometres from Cannes, is the small development of Les Mas de la Mer which has the usual trappings of communal pool, management and rental service. The villas comprising phase one are all sold, as is 55 per cent of the apartments planned for the second phase not due for completion until June 1984.

These £30,000 one-bedroom apartments are ideal for linking and a number of purchasers are buying two adjacent for an ultimate two-three bedroom, two-bathroom duplex costing £60,000. Further details from Montpelier International, 17 Montpelier Street, London SW7 (Tel 01-589 3400).

After a shaky few years the leisure property market is again showing signs of activity along the Algarve. The Comben Group responsible for developing the established Vila Senhora da Rocha estate are now embarking on a new leisure complex set in 50 acres of coastal gardens some 60 kilometres from Faro airport. Rocha Brava has been designed as four distinct pueblos and construction is well under way at both Ocean and Lighthouse villages. The swimming pools and bars are completed in Lighthouse village and around them are clustered low rise apartments and town houses which are still under construction.

The price of a two-bedroom apartment is some £25,500 basic, or £32,300 for a fully furnished home with all fees and essential property taxes paid. The two- and three-bedroom town houses, all of which have a spacious roof terrace, range in price from £37,300 and £42,100 or £42,800 and £48,800, fully furnished and taxes paid.

The well finished three-bedroom show house stands on a quarter-acre plot in the smart Ocean village and is priced at £82,000 basic plus £7,000 for a private pool. Further details Comben Group, 1 Portland Square, Bristol (Tel: 0272 425001).

Development is still raging along the Costa del Sol but at last the planning authorities have taken on the responsibility of allowing only low rise buildings supposed to be in keeping with the area.

One of the best examples is Jardines de Las Golondrinas of which one-third have been completed to date. The design is such that there is in effect no front or back to the building. With their latticed balconies and stepped terraces the apartments are equally pleasing to look at from any angle.

At the western end of the Costa del Sol just 20 minutes from the disputed border with Gibraltar is the long-established 4,000-acre Soto Grande estate with its two 18-hole golf courses, tennis complex, shooting, riding, two polo fields and sailing.

Because of its sheer size there is always a selection of villas available for resale at prices ranging from £75,000.

Alternatively, there are beach side apartments, or town houses at adjacent Puerto Soto Grande. During the past four years seven low rise apartment blocks consisting of 350 flats and some 20 riverside town houses have been completed with approximately 80 per cent sold again to a predominantly British market. There are two beach clubs each with three pools, one on the main Soto Grande estate and the other within Puerto Soto Grande.

The summer membership fee of approximately £80 for a family of four entitles owners to use both clubs.

Prices for a one-bedroom apartment start at £20,890 rising to £93,330 for a three-bedroom penthouse. The six unsold riverside houses range from £59,110 to £78,200. Further details from Fincasol and Montpelier International.

The French architect, François Spoerry, the man responsible for creating Port Grimaud, has completed plans for a new waterside village at the Anchorage being built on part of Majorca's 850-acre Bendinat estate. Land values on Majorca are substantially lower than on the Costa del Sol, and this is reflected in the prices of the front line apartments currently under construction which are from £36,000 for a one-bedroom flat to around £100,000 for three bedrooms. Further details: Montpelier International.

Diana Wildman



Of the 120 apartments now in the first phase of Jardines de Las Golondrinas, near Marbella, Spain, 80 have been sold to a predominantly British market. Las Golondrinas is being developed on the 40 acre site adjoining the five-star Don Carlos Hotel, some eight kms east of Marbella and owners will be able to use all the facilities available to hotel guests, which include horse-riding, tennis and, during the summer, the hotel's beach club. Prices from £43,300 for a one-bedroom apartment; £70,000 for two bedroom; from £81,000 for three bedrooms. Further details from: Fincasol, 4 Bridge Street, Salisbury SP1 2LX, tel: 0722 26444; Chestertons 116 Kensington High Street, London, W8, tel: 01-937 7274

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But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king.
Jeremiah 10: 10.

BIRTHS

CATOR – On October 10, to Sara (nee Keeling) and Henry, a daughter, Henrietta Elizabeth.

FACKELMAYER.–On October 11th, at the Lindo Wing of St Mary's, Paddington, to Olivia (nee Wentworthrump) and Fridolin–a son.

GIBBONS. – On October 4, 1983, to Alison (nee Brough) and James, a son, Ivor Thomas Gough.

HADDEN-PATON. – On October 6 1983, to Bumble (nee Mellor) and Nigel, a daughter, Alice Caroline, a sister for Harry.

KINGSTON.–*On October 11th, in* Bristol, to Nikki and John–a son (David John), a brother for Joy and Tom.

LESLIE. – On October 10 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Pepe and Jonathan, two daughters, Alexa and Gemma, sisters for Sophie and Luke.

PERRY. – On October 10 at the Portland Hospital, W1, to Angela (nee Poli) and Dr Nicholas Mark Perry, a son, Alexander William Mark.

ROWE- On October 9th at the John Radcliffe Hospital to Frances (nee Twallin) and Robert a daughter (Philippa Frances Joanna).

SELLAR. - On October 11, at Simpson Memorial Pavillion, to Louise and Robin – a son, Ralph.

TANT. – On October 6, *at Luton &* Dunstable Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee Lorimer) and Russell, a son, Radleigh Lewin Byron.

WHITTLE. – On 10th October to Christine (nee Crocott) and Clive, a son, Thomas Frederick.

YOUNG. – On October 6 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sue (nee *Kenny) and Tim*, a son William Henry.

BIRTHDAYS

LILIAN RUMMAGE. – It's your birthday, many happy returns, OK for dinner tonight?

SIMMONS, STEWART. Welcome to your new era, with my love Sheila. S.J.

MARRIAGES

NICHOLS : WILSON. The marriage took place on Saturday, 8th October, *in Aylesbury, Bucks, of Frank* Bernard Nichols and Shirley Wilson (nee Burrows).

GOLDEN WEDDING

COUTTS-TROTTER – HARTLEY On 12th October, 1933 at St Johns, Smith Square, W Hugh Murray to Diana Mary Forster.

DEATHS

BABINGTON. – On 3rd October, peacefully, George Francis Boselli Babington of Campoferro, Italy and Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

BALLANTYNE. – On October 7, suddenly, Margaret Winifred, at her *home at Kingswood, Surrey. Service* at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Monday October 17, at 2.00 pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to Diabetic Clinic, Epsom District Hospital.

BLACKSTONE.–On 8th October, at The Royal Marsden Hospital, London, Bernard, aged 72. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday, 17th October at 12 noon. Memorial Mass at Royal Marsden Hospital Chapel at 10.45 a.m. No flowers.

BOWER. – On October 7, 1983, peacefully, Kathleen Margaret Geraldine, aged 79, at Grenville Peace Nursing Home, Blandford Forum, Dorset. Cremation private, memorial service *at St Mary's, Sturminster Newton,* Dorset, at 3.30 pm on Thursday, November 3.

CLARIDGE, Gordon (Charles), aged 86, on October 9, 1983, peacefully in London after a long illness. Beloved husband of Joan and father of Ann. Service Mortlake Crematorium, Friday, October 14, 3.30pm. Flowers to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Rd, W8.

COLLINS. – On October 8, James Arnold Collins, MC, TD, husband of Anne and father of Robert, Andrew, Richard, William, Mary-Louise and Harriet. Service at All Saints' Church, Fulham, on Friday, October 14, at 1 pm, followed by interment at Putney Vale Cemetery. No mourning. Family flowers only. Donations *if desired to the Cardiac Unit of St* George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, Tooting, SW17.

CROLE-REES. – On October 8, 1983, suddenly at his home in Hove, Tony Crole-Rees, aged 58, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth. Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday, October 14, 11 am. No flowers please but donations may be sent to the Sussex County Cricket Welfare Association for the Benefit of the Young Cricketers of Sussex, c/o Mr Hartley, County Ground, Eaton Rd, Hove BN3 3AN.

HARMAN. – Suddenly on October 9, Florence, loved and loving wife of Tony, mother, grandmother and greatmother, desperately missed and *mourned by all of us. The funeral* will be held at the Broadway Baptist Chapel, on Thursday October 13 at 11.45am, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Co-op Funeral Service, 207 Desborough Rd, High Wycombe.

HINDLEY. – On October 10, peacefully at Edenhall, Cumbria, Beatrice Hindley, CBE, aged 88 years, mother of Doreen, Airlie and David. Funeral service on Friday, October 14 at 2.30pm, St Cuthberts, Edenhall. Flowers or a donation to St Cuthberts, Edenhall, Penrith, Cumbria.

HOARE. – On October 9, John Walter, of Scots, Astley Burf, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs. Most beloved husband of Jean and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral service Astley Church, Friday, October 14, at 3 pm.

HOPKINS. – On October 10, 1983, peacefully at her home at Farnborough, Hants, Marie Therese, beloved wife of Bernarr Hopkins. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Queens *Road, Farnborough, Hants, on* Friday, October 14, at 1.30 pm, followed by interment.

JOHN-ERSKINE GLEN.–On 6th October, peacefully, after a short illness. He will be sadly missed by all his friends, especially David. Funeral 2.30 p.m. today, 12th October at Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 *Marloes Road, London, W8.*

MACANDREW.– On Oct 11th 1983, in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, Elizabeth MacAndrew, (nee Eames). All enquiries to Joan Tate, 7 College Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1LZ.

MACK. – Adele, widow of John D. Mack, J.P., M.P., peacefully at Royal *Sussex County Hospital, on* Saturday, 8th October, 1983. Lovingly remembered by her sister Jessie Gillis, brother-in-law Bernard Gillis and her relatives and friends. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11, on Wednesday, October 12th at 2.00pm.

MANSELL. – On October 10th, 1983, *peacefully, Bee Mansell, widow of* Guy, and mother of Guy and Edwina. Funeral Cuckfield Parish Church on Friday, October 14th at 12.00 noon.

MARSH.–On Friday, October 7th, at Orpington Hospital, after a short illness, Herbert Edward Augustus, widower of Eden Park Avenue, Beckenham, in his 89th year. *Funeral arrangements inquiries to* Albert Parr & Sons Ltd. Tel: 01-778 8414.

McMILLAN-SCOTT.–On Sunday, 9 October, 1983, Enid Cynthia (late of Blakeney, Norfolk), wife of the late Major T. A. F. McMillan-Scott and mother of Marion, Robin, Adam and Eve. Memorial service to be arranged.

OGIER.– On 9th October, peacefully at home in Jerez De La Frontera, Spain, after a long illness, Thomas Patrick, loved son of Mrs Kathleen Ogier and the late Counsellor T. D. Ogier, husband of Victoria, father to Anne, Carlos and Alexandra and brother to Roland, aged 43. Family interment in Spain on Tuesday, 11th October. Donations if wished may be sent to World Wildlife Fund, 11 Ockford Road, Godalming, Surrey.

PLATT – M. E. E. (known as Wallie or Robin) suddenly but peacefully on Saturday, 8th October, 1983, in London. Funeral service St Mary's *Parish Church, St Mary's Road,* Wimbledon, 12.00 noon, Thursday 13th October. Flowers to Ashtons, 140 Alexandra Road, SW19, by 10.00 am Thursday. Any messages to Jenifer at 01-870 0650.

REA.–On 8th October, Stanley Charles Walsh Wright, OBE, aged 82 years, late Colonel The Essex Regiment, after a gallant fight following an accident on 12th August. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels, Elm Bank Gardens, Barnes, on Monday, 17th October at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Essex Regimental Association for Benevolence, Eagle *Way, Brentwood, Essex.*

REID. – 3rd October, 1983, suddenly while on holiday in Florence Dr P. I. (Patsy) Reid, aged 79 years, of Haulfryn, Rhoscolyn, Anglesey. A quiet cremation on Monday, 17th October, at 2.30 pm, at Landican, Birkenhead. Family flowers only but if desired donations to National Trust, c/o P. M. Unsworth, 72 Bertram Drive, Hoylake, Merseyside.

RICHARDSON, RALPH. – Treasured husband and father. On October 10 at the King Edward VII Hospital, after a short illness. Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced later.

DEATHS

SALMOND. – Suddenly, but peacefully on Monday, October 10th, Margaret Mary, wife of the late Air Chief Marshall Sir Geoffrey Salmond. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Hedenham, Norfolk on Thursday, October 13th at 3.00 pm. Much loved by her children, grand children and great grand children.

SCOTT.– On October 8th, peacefully in hospital, Vanda May, aged 92 years, daughter of Major Horace Scott, Lancs Fusiliers. Funeral service 1.30 pm on Thursday October 13th at Aldershot Park crematorium. Family flowers only.

SHANNON. – On 10th October, 1983, peacefully, at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Louie, aged 88 years, of 6 Nunholm Place, Dumfries, beloved wife of the late W. B. Shannon, OBE, dear mother of Mary and Rita, and dear grandma of Bruce and Stephen. Funeral will take place on Friday, 14th October. Service in St George's Church, *Dumfries, at 12.00 noon, thereafter* interment in St Michael's Cemetery, Dumfries.

SHARWOOD-SMITH.–On October 10th, 1983, Sir Bryan Evers Sharwood-Smith, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., K.B.E., late Governor of Northern Nigeria, aged 84, beloved husband of Joan, dear father of Sarah, Michael, Geoffrey and Angela and a much loved grandfather. Funeral at St Augustine's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, on Monday, October 17th, at 11.45 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Trust Fund, c/o Barclays Bank DCO, Northumberland Avenue, London.

STEVENS, ERIC GEORGE, D.C.M., M.M.–On 9th October, peacefully, at home, in Barnet, dearly loved husband of Mary and the late Una, father of Lynne, Ian and David, grandfather of Tom, Katie and Rachel, and a cherished friend. Funeral service on Friday, 14th October at 3 p.m. at Golders Green Crematorium. Donations, if desired, *to Mount Vernon Hospital Body* Scanner Appeal, Northwood, Middlesex. Family flowers only.

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HARMAN. – Florence Theresa. The funeral will be held at The Broadway *Baptist Chapel, on Thursday, 13th* October at 11.45am, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Co-op Funeral Service, 207 Desborough Rd, High Wycombe.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.30, 8.00, and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; the day's television previewed between 7.15 and 7.30; Mike Smith's pop news between 7.30 and 7.45; a review of the morning papers at 7.32 and 8.32; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45; and cooking tips between 8.45 and 9.00.
9.00 Gharbar. Magazine programme of interest to Asian women. 9.25 Interval.
9.30 Conservative Party Conference 1983. The second day's proceedings presented by Sir Robin Day and David Dimbleby (also on this channel at 10.55 and 2.30 and on BBC2 at 3.50). 10.30 Play School (r) 10.55 Conservative Party Conference 1983. Further coverage from Blackpool.
12.30 News After Noon. with Richard Whitmore and Judi Lines. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Dr Claire Weekes concludes her series on the causes of and cures for nervous illness; Alan Parker and Adam Faith talk about their new production of Alfie at the Liverpool Playhouse; and music is provided by Elaine Delmar. 1.45 Hokey-Cokey with Chloe Ashcroft and Don Spencer. 2.00 Closedown.
2.30 Conservative Party Conference 1983. Live coverage of the afternoon session (continues on BBC2 at 3.50) 3.53 Regional news (not London).
3.55 Play School. For the under fives 4.20 Cartoon: Mighty Mouse in When Mousehood Was in Flower (r).
4.25 Jackanory. Ronald Pickup with part three of The Song of Pentecost 4.40 Screen Test. Pupils representing Benfield School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Graham School, Scarborough in a test of cinematic recall 5.05 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Seaview. Episode two of the comedy about life in a seaside private hotel.
5.40 News with Moira Stuart.
5.55 Association Football. Live coverage of the game in Budapest between England and Hungary. The commentator is John Motson.
6.45 Approximately (half time in the football match) Regional news magazines.
6.55 Association Football. The second half of the game between England and Hungary.
7.55 Harty. His guests tonight are Vincent Price, Coral Browne and the androgynous Boy George. The programme also includes the final of the Woman's Realm Wonderwife competition.
8.25 'Allo 'Allo. A comedy, planned as the pilot for a series next year, about a cafe owner in occupied France who finds himself at the centre of an elaborate Resistance plan to aid the escape of British airmen (r).
9.00 News with John Humphrys.
9.25 Bob Hope Royal Gala Evening. Charity variety show in the presence of HRH Princess Alexandra. Among those appearing are Eric Sykes and Roy Budd.
10.43 News headlines.
10.45 Film: Cleopatra Jones (1973) starring Tamara Dobson as a black special agent dedicated to the crushing of a drugs ring. Directed by Jack Starrett.
12.10 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. A review of the morning papers at 6.25; news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.23; sport at 6.35 and 7.40; exercises at 6.45 and 9.18; John Stapleton with a guest in the Spotlight at 7.05; Popeye cartoon at 7.20; guest David Essex from 7.33; Fenton Bresler's Casebook at 7.50; pop video at 7.55; Nick Owen's star forecast at 8.05; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.35; and Wincey and friends at 9.02.

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9.25 Thames news headlines 9.30 For Schools: The final episode of the play, A Game of Soldiers 9.47 Children from various backgrounds prepare for an outing 10.04 Bells 10.21 Understanding television 10.48 Changing beach forms on Spurn Head 11.10 How the police work 11.22 Maths: numbers and moving points 11.39 How we used to live.
12.00 Button Moon. Rocket adventures of the puppet, Mr Moon 12.10 Rainbow Learning with puppets (r) 12.30 Play It Again. Tony Bilbow's guest today is Frankie Vaughan.
1.00 News 1.20 Thames news 1.30 A Plus. Gill Neville reports from New York on parents who have been abused by their children and subsequently formed an organisation called Tough Love 2.00 Take the High Road. The campaign against the holiday village receives help from Archie.
2.30 A Country Practice. Drama series set in an Australian outback town 3.30 Blockbusters.
4.00 Button Moon. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 Dangermouse. Will he be able to escape from the deadly Kamikaze Twin-Tubs? (r) 4.20 Emu's World. Another adventure for Rod Hull and his erratic pet 4.45 The All Electric Amusement Arcade. Part five of the seven-episode musical drama 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help! Presented by Viv Taylor Gee from the Naidex Exhibition at the Alexandra Pavilion, north London. On display are the largest number of aids and accessories for disabled people ever assembled under one roof.
6.35 Crossroads. Kath Brownlow discovers a new romantic interest in her life.
7.00 Where There's Life... The last programme in the series examines the miracle cures of Lourdes.
7.30 Coronation Street. Eddie's and Marion's secret is discovered by Elsie.
8.00 Morecambe and Wise. Eric and Ernie give their interpretation of Frankie and Johnnie, assisted by Stutz Bearcats; find fun in a pigeon loft and a record shop.
8.30 Keep It in the Family. Comedy series about a father and his two grown-up daughters and their friends.
9.00 Reilly – Ace of Spies. The ever-resourceful secret agent returns to Moscow with a plan to overthrow the Bolsheviks and replace them with a government led by himself.
10.00 News.
10.30 Film: Obsession (1976) starring Cliff Robertson: Drama about a man who, 16 years previously, had lost his wife and child in a kidnap rescue attempt and who now meets her exact double under extraordinary circumstances in Florence. Directed by Brian de Palma.
12.15 Night Thoughts from the Rev Dr Kenneth Greet.

Tom Bell as Felix Dzerzhinsky: ITV 9.00pm

● John Tusa's TIMEWATCH (BBC2 8.10pm) keeps up its high standard of interest with the diverting tale of both East and West Germany's attempts to promote the 15th-century priest and academic, Martin Luther, as the shining example of what those two opposites stand for. East Germany, especially, has had to swallow hard because Luther had been branded as a class traitor for years only to be spectacularly rehabilitated a decade ago as the first of the bourgeoise revolutionaries and one of the greatest men in German history. Reporter Bernard Clark asks a stoney-faced Siegfried Rakotz, chairman of the Martin Luther Committee of East Germany, a number of searching questions

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with amusing results while Professor Heiko Oberman of Tubingen University gives the reasons why Luther is feted in West Germany.

● As a contrast to the legal levity of last night's Rumpole episode this evening offers a critical examination of the present state of the British judiciary. Twenty Twenty Vision's JUDGE FOR YOURSELF (Channel 4 8.30pm) includes interviews with establishment figures defending the highly secretive procedures of judicial appointment and younger barristers who believe that the time is ripe for a more open system of appointments to the judiciary. Former High Court Judge, Sir Neil Lawson, former Old Bailey Judge, Alan King-Hamilton and eminent QC George Carman defend the present system of appointment as best they can but they agree that judges are generally appointed by the 'old boy network' and not by ability. Quotes from judges in recent cases tend to underline that point. Unfortunately, the person best able to comment on the criticisms, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, declined to take part in the programme. A pity.

● Joan Morgan presents a delightful, off-beat, programme IN PRAISE OF OLDER APPLES (Radio 3 7.00pm) in which she muses on the reasons for Britain's passion for the fruit.

BBC 2

9.10 Daytime on Two: Engineering technology 9.35 Science and the work of potters, sculptresses and silversmiths 10.00 You and Me 10.15 Basic maths 10.38 Trigonometry 11.00 Words and Pictures 11.17 Vocal sounds 11.39 Competing images 12.05 Italian conversation for beginners 12.30 For parents with mentally handicapped children 12.55 Advice for the moderately mentally handicapped young adult 1.10 Micros in schools 1.38 Messages 2.01 Robinson Crusoe makes bread 2.15 Ghost and horror stories 2.40 Part one of the play, Hungry Times 3.00 Closedown.
3.50 Conservative Party Conference 1983 Live coverage of the second afternoon's proceedings 5.30 Interval.
5.40 Gardens. A delightful short that features scenes from American and Dutch gardens accompanied by the music of Gershwin, Kern and Joplin (r).
5.55 Eight Days a Week. Robin Denselow looks at the week's rock and pop news and reviews the new single and video from pop group manager Simon Napier-Bell.
6.30 Great Railway Journeys of the World. Eric Robson travels from London's Victoria Station to Budapest in search of steam (r).
7.30 Photo Assignment presented by Dave Lee-Travis. Lord Lichfield is today's professional and he is assigned a session with an inexperienced model. Harold Riley discovers a machine that 'paints' enlargements while, as usual, the Maddy Prior Band are the subjects for the amateur lensepeople.
8.10 Timewatch. John Tusa with another in the monthly series that examines history with the benefit of hindsight. His subjects today are Martin Luther; how the first Crusades affect today's Middle East power struggle; and battleship design. (see Choice).
9.00 Butterflies. Husband Ben spots wife Ria with her old flame and fears the worst.
9.30 Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames. The first of two programmes recorded at the Questors Theatre, London, in which Mr Fame plays his favourite music.
10.00 The Gathering Seed. The final episode and Joe is faced with three paths to choose from. Down which will he travel?
10.50 Newsnight includes a report from the Conservative Party Conference.
11.50 Photo-Assignment Extra. Dave Lee-Travis with the results of the amateurs' efforts photographing the Maddy Prior Band. Ends at 12.05

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Conservative Party '83. Gus MacDonald presents live coverage of the second morning's debates in Blackpool. Closedown at 12.30
2.25 Conservative Party '83. The afternoon's proceedings
5.30 Make it Pay. Programme four of the five-part series illustrating how leisure-time hobbies can be made to make money. This week Stephen Atkinson examines the art of making pictures in copper and pewter and also demonstrates how designs can be created with contrasting wood veneers. Later, craft shop owner Patrick Goudy lists the best ways to market craft products.
6.00 Countdown. Another edition of the fast-moving words and numbers competition. Challenging yesterday's winner is John Rusted of Cambridge. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley, assisted by Willie Rushton.
6.30 The Spice of Life. Saffron is the subject of the sixth programme in this fascinating series. This most expensive of spices is now only grown on the Spanish plains of La Mancha and made from the sex organs of the autumn saffron. The programme includes film from Spain, Marseilles, Cornwall, Persia, Saffron Walden and Manchester where Jewish cookery expert Evelyn Rose shows how to bake a Challah.
7.00 News includes headlines at 7.30 followed by city news at 7.35.
7.50 Comment. This week's political spot is filled by Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras.
8.00 Brookside. A misunderstanding arises between Roger and his father about a strange woman while Roger's estranged wife is receiving some advice about her marriage from an old flame she meets in Belfast.
8.30 Twenty Twenty Vision: Judge for Yourself. An examination of the state of the British judiciary. (see Choice).
9.00 Johannes Brahms: The Violin and Viola Sonatas. The second of three programmes deals with Brahms's relationship with Hermine Spies and Hans von Bulow and their influence on the second and third Violin Sonatas, both of which are performed by Pinchas Zukerman and Marc Neikrug. The presenter is Christopher Nupen.
10.00 Film: Memories of Underdevelopment* (1968) A Cuban-made film about events in Cuba as seen through the eyes of a bourgeois intellectual, two years after Castro has come to power until the missile crisis of October 1962. Directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea.
11.50 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 6.45 Prayer for the Day 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 Work Suspended by Evelyn Waugh (3). Read by Hugh Burden.
8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Henry Kelly. With Libby Purves, and guests.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time.
10.30 Morning Story: 'The Green Sweater' by Robert B. Mawkinney. Read by Anna Sharkey.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.
11.48 Zoo Talk – 'Ostriches and Emus'. International zoo vet David Taylor remembers his adventures with these birds.
12.00 News; You and Yours.
12.27 Murder at the Red October by Anthony Olcott, dramatised in 5 parts (5)†
12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers.
1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News. Woman's Hour. The guest of the week is Professor John Houghton who is the new Director General of Britain's Meteorological Office. And there is the fifth episode of Thomas Hardy's The Woodlanders.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Josie's Man. The second of two plays by Rachel Wyatt (the first was yesterday) starring Angela Pleasance. Today's play has Josie, three years later, as a second-year social psychological student.†
3.47 Time for Verse. The theme is words the selection is made by Gillian Clarke, the Anglo-Welsh poet, and the reader is Denys Hawthorne.
4.00 News; Just after Four. With Michael Bogdanov, Russian correspondent of Socialist Industry.
4.10 File On 4. Major issues from home and abroad.
4.40 Story Time: 'December Flower' by Judy Allen (3).
5.00 PM: News Magazine.
5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Top of the Form. Top Valley School, Nottingham v Pingle School, Swadlincote.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 What Price Compensation. People injured by uninsured drivers.
7.45 Seeing Omai by Mike Walker. The story of a young Tahitian who came to England with Captain Cook and remained here for two years. Returning to Tahiti with Cook, he was rejected by his own people. The readers tonight are Geoffrey Collins, Alex Jennings, Angela Phillips, Christian Rodska, Peter Toddenham and Jack Watson.
8.15 In Business.
8.45 That Reminds Me. In the second of six programmes, Swedish soprano Elizabeth Soderstrom chooses music to accompany her reminiscences.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts Magazine. Includes a review of the musical Little Shop of Horrors.
9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.30 Son of Cliché.†
11.00 A Book At Bedtime: 'The Heat of the Day' by Elizabeth Bowen (8). Read by Elizabeth Spriggs.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 No Second City. Jack Regan offers a personal view of Glasgow.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-.30am Weather; Travel 10.45-12.00 For Schools: 1.55pm Listening Corner 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00 Study On 4: L'Italia Dal Vivo (2) 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: 12.30 Voix de France (5 & 6)

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice part one. Telemann (Conc E minor for recorder, flute and strings), Tartini (Sonata in G minor: The Devil's Trill, with Eduard Melkus on the violin), Mozart (Piano Conc No 15 – with Geza Anda at the piano, directing the Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra).†
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E minor, played by Emil Gilels), Brahms (Alto Rhapsody, with Yvonne Minton, mezzo) and Wieniawski (Violin Conc No 2 in D minor, Op 22 – with Henryk Szeryng as soloist).†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Liszt. Claudio Arrau plays the Concert Paraphrase of Rigoletto; Daniel Barenboim plays the Isolde Liebestod (Tristan und Isolde). Michel Beroff is heard in the Fantasy on themes from Beethoven's The Ruins of Athens: and Jorge Bolet plays the Reminiscences de Don Juan: La Campanella. On records.
10.00 Bartok Duos: a Cheltenham International Festival of Music 1981 recital by Gyorgy Pauk (violin) and Nobuko Imai (viola). We hear the numbers 14, 15, 28, 32, 22, 18, 37, 27, 35, 19, 33, 41, 10 and 44.†
10.25 Poulenc: Songs of Town and Village. A recital by Michael Pearce (baritone) and Antony Saunders (piano). Songs include Avant le cinéma, and Chansons villageoises.
11.00 Two Symphonies: Stravinsky (in C) and Beethoven (No 7), played by the BBC Scottish SO.
12.15 Concert Hall: Brahms (Sonata in E flat), Messager (Solo de concours) and Joseph Horovitz (Sonatina). Played by Michael Collins (clarinet) Vanessa Latarche (piano).†
1.00 News.
1.05 Jazz in Perspective: The second programme in this new series, presented by Steve Race. Three more to come.
1.50 Matinee Musicale: Recital by Daphne Arlow (mezzo), Philip Hammond (piano) and the Ulster Orchestra. Works include Schubert's overture, Rosamunde; Harty's Sea Wrack: bonfires; Dvorak's Slavonic Dance, Op 72, No 2 and Harty's Fantasy scenes. Also some Quilter songs.†
2.50 Delmé String Quartet Part of a Wigmore Hall concert. Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 77, No 1), Schubert (String Quartet in D minor, Death and the Maiden).†
4.00 Choral Evensong live from Ripon Cathedral. The organist and master of the choristers is Ronald Perrin.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: A selection by Jon Curle. Music by Mozart (vocal, operatic, etc) and music from La traviata (Verdi) and Wagner's Lohengrin.†
6.30 Moritz Rosenthal: Records of this pupil of Liszt playing works by Chopin and by Liszt himself. Presented by Lionel Salter.†
7.00 In Praise of Older Apples: Dr Joan Morgan reflects on the British passion for the fruit, recalling that 1883, a particularly good year for apples, saw a national apple congress held in Chiswick. It drew 8,000 exhibits.
7.30 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in Vienna: Broadcast live from the Grosse Konzerthaus. Part one. Hindemith (Cello concerto, with Raphael Wallfisch as soloist).†
8.00 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC.
8.20 Concert: part two. Bruckner's Symphony No 4 (the 1874 version).†
9.40 An Honest Profession: The Swiss novelist and playwright Max Frisch talks to Ronald Hayman about some of the major themes in his writing and about his friendship with Brecht.
10.30 Girolamo Frescobaldi: Fourth programme in a series of six devoted to his work. Tonight, we hear inter alia, the Arie Musicali (1630), performed by the London Baroque, with Nigel Rogers (tenor) and David Thomas (bass).
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00 pm and 9.00). Major bulletins 7.00 am, 8.00, 1.00 pm, 5.00 and 12 midnight. Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 (MF/MW). 5.00 am Paul Burnett.† 7.30 Ray Moore.† 10.00 John Hosken.† 12.00 pm Music While You Work.† 12.30 Gloria Hunniford including 2.02 Sports Desk.† 2.30 Ed Stewart including 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 International Soccer Special. England v Hungary for the European Championship in Budapest. 8.00 National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.† 9.00 The Organist Entertains.† 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory, including 9.57 Sports Desks. 10.00 The Name's the Game with Barry Cryer, Duggie Brown, Lance Percival and John Junkin. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight. 1.00 am Folk on 2.† 2.00-5.00 Charles Nove. You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and then at 12.0 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00 Gary Davies. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 6.05 Top 30 Album Chart. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00-6.00 pm With Radio 2. 6.00 pm John Dunn.† 7.30 Romantic Strings.† 8.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Kings of Jazz. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Caught in the Act. 10.15 Breakthrough. 10.30 A Mozart Pilgrimage. 10.50 Recording of the Week. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Listening Post. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 The Nature of Britain. 1.45 Two Hundred Years of Piano Playing. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Listening Post. 5.25 New Ideas. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.08 Commentary. 11.15 Coast to Coast. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 In Patagonia. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 From the Promenade Concerts. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 International Soccer Special. 5.45 The World Today.
(All times in GMT)

BBC 1 WALES 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 6.45-6.55 Wales Today. 10.45-11.25 Soccer: Wales v Romania (highlights). 11.25-12.50am Cleopatra Jones. 12.50 News and weather. SCOTLAND 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 2.00-2.30 Mod '83. 5.55-6.05 The Scottish News. 6.05-6.25 Mod '83. 6.25-7.55 Film: 'Only one day left before tomorrow'. 10.45-11.15 Football: Scotland v Belgium (highlights). 11.15-11.40 Phil Silvers as Sergeant Bilko*. 11.40 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 6.45-6.55 Northern Ireland News. 12.10am News and weather. ENGLAND 6.45pm-6.55 Regional news magazines. 12.15am Close.

S4C Starts 9.30am Conservative Party Conference. 12.30pm Interval. 2.00 Dasarydiaeth. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.30 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Conservative Party. 4.30 Countdown. 4.55 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.00 Brwydr Dan Y Dwr. 5.30 People's Court. 6.00 Brookside. 6.25 Chicago Teddy Bears. 6.55 Gair Yn El Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Trio'r Dail. 8.00 Margaret Williams. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Outcast of the Islands (Trevor Howard). 10.45 Pel-droed. 11.25 Twenty Twenty Vision. 11.55 South American Journey. 12.35am Gair Yn El Bryd., Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.20am News, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Amazing Years of the Cinema. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening, Ulster. 12.20am News, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Black Beauty. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.20-6.35 Defence of the Realm. 12.15am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Happy Days 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.20am Doctor Remembers, Closedown

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 12.20am Postscript, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Exchange Flags. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 This is your right. 6.05 Crossroads. 12.20am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs are. 2.30-3.30 Chisholms. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.20am Heads and Shoulders, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.45 Calendar.

Frankie Vaughan: ITV 12.30pm

HTV West As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 2.30 Star Class Golf 3.00 Survival 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 News 12.20am Closedown

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25-9.30 First Thing 1.20pm-1.30 News 2.30-3.30 Love Story 5.15-5.45 Fabulous Funnies 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 12.20am News, Closedown

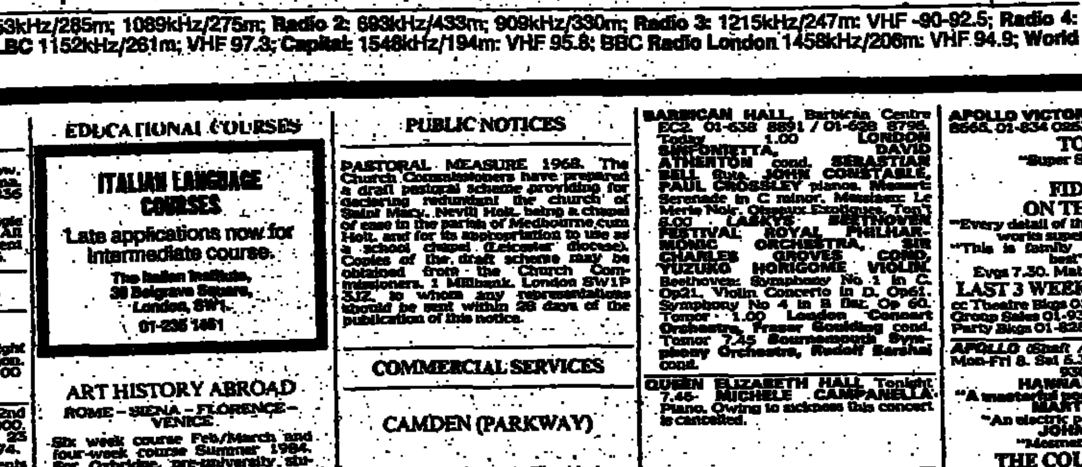
SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 2.00 It's a Vet's Life 2.30-3.30 Love Boat 5.15 Action Line 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Report 12.20am Late Call, Closedown

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.20am Company, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Star Parade. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.20am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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Israelis greet austerity with panic buying spree





Supermarket Bonanza: Jerusalem shoppers cash in before the price rises and in Tel Aviv a mule tops up his master's tanks (Photograph, Orde Eliason)

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Israel's bubble of superficial prosperity burst painfully yesterday when the new right-wing government of Mr Yitzhak Shamir enforced a 23 per cent devaluation and a sweeping package of austerity measures in an effort to halt the rapid economic decline.

The agreement on the draconian moves followed a stormy all-night cabinet session which began immediately after ministers had drunk a formal toast to the new administration, sworn in on Monday with a 60-33 majority.

The urgent need to solve an economic crisis regarded as the most serious in Israel's history has presented the 68-year old Mr Shamir with a supreme test of his skills as a coalition manager. It has also threatened a clash with the trade unions, which are opposed to government attempts to weaken the link between wage rises and the inflation rate: a nationwide two-hour warning strike has been called for tomorrow.

Within an hour of the measures being broadcast over Israel Radio, supermarkets were besieged in a wave of panic buying designed to beat the 50 per cent cut in subsidies on all basic commodities at midnight. Long queues of motorists formed at petrol stations, trying to purchase dwindling supplies before a 23 per cent price rise.

Many Israelis took the day off work to take part in the buying spree with ruthless singlemindedness more usually associated with operations of the Israeli Army. Goods arriving at shops in Jerusalem, were seized long before they could replenish empty food counters.

Mrs Shoshana Saguy, the young wife of an electricity corporation worker explained: "Everybody is going mad to buy now because they know that tomorrow everything will have gone up, not just the basic things that are subsidized. People here realize that we are now facing a real change in our way of life".

Ma'ariv, a Tel Aviv paper which in the past was often sympathetic to the outgoing administration of Mr Menachem Begin commented sourly: "Today is the day when the illusions of the Israeli economy are being shattered. The gloomy economic reality is having its day of revenge. Today we are all asked to pay the heavy price for frivolousness, for living only for the moment."

Shamir's package, page 6

Frank Johnson at Blackpool

A sinner repents his double life

The Conservatives, on their first day of their conference yesterday, made it clear that they were not prepared to forgive the sinner that repenteth.

There was no widespread demand for a resignation. Mr Leon Brittan had got waway with it.

Mr Brittan, the Home Secretary, had arrived in Blackpool to make the most difficult public appearance of his career. He had to reply to a debate on law and order amid seemingly uncontrollable gossip and innuendo that for years he had been living an amazing double life as a Thatcherite and wet.

Until the June election he had held the post of Chief Secretary to the Treasury, a job where, according to his critics he could easily hide his wetness by occasionally demanding the closure of an old folks' home or curbing the rate of increase in the sum going to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

But when he became Home Secretary after the election, it proved impossible for him to prevent the truth coming out. He had to deal with criminals; his apparent lack of any impact on their activities proved in the eyes of the party that he was a wet.

Desperately, he tried to live what they would regard as a normal life. In the Commons vote on capital punishment in July, he was for hanging – but only for terrorists.

The adverse criticism of him in the party continued unabated throughout the summer and autumn.

The Prime Minister made it clear that Mr Brittan's difficulties with the party over the law and order were a purely private matter.

And so to yesterday's debate, whereupon moderation reared its head, aided perhaps by the party's hardened conference managers.

When the time came for him to rise, Mr Brittan was able to say the debate had been "sober, thoughtful, responsible and balanced" – in other words a travesty of a Tory law and order debate.

Nonetheless, he thought it prudent to denounce crime utterly. He spoke in a strong voice. For he knew that, at a Conservative conference, a frontbencher can get away with virtually anything, including weakness, if he speaks strongly.

Words like "child molesters", "drugs" and "death" were given particular emphasis. Thunderingly, he made it clear that the penalty for causing death would be – well, only life, actually. But the noise convinced the conference that he was on its side.

A much warmer ovation went to Mr Cecil Parkinson – and he was not even yet in town. He turned up in the speech of his successor as chairman, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, to be thanked for his conduct at the election campaign.

The Christian, decent Mr Gummer was put up to take the party's mind off sex. Mention of Mr Parkinson brought cheers and applause for half a minute. Those who had hoped for a display of Tory hypocrisy in the Parkinson affair were confounded for the time being and, we must hope, for ever.

So too were those who thought that Mr Parkinson should resign on the odd ground of his remaining with his wife and children.

But one cannot resist a mischievous, sociological reflection. Mr Parkinson is being forgiven because what so many outsiders do not realize is that adultery is to the Tory Home Counties what Rugby Union football is to Mr Kinnock's south Wales, a tough, raw, sentimental physical contact sport – almost a religion.

The blunt investment analysts, antique dealers and secretary-personal assistants down there in the valleys of Surrey, Hertfordshire, and Berkshire play it rough. But they invariably enjoy a few gins and tonics together after a game.

They were the simple folk who yesterday gave Mr Parkinson the benefit of the doubt. True, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, MP for Orpington, was to be heard giving interviews saying that Mr Parkinson should resign. But Orpington, with its easy access to Crystal Palace, always was a soccer rather than an adultery town.

The conference had opened with the customary C of E service. A local vicar read a lesson about Solomon from the Book of Kings which, back in the hotel room, sent one to the Gideon Bible to find out more about this lively monarch.

"He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines" it said. Now there was a player!

Study aims to stop jail riots

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Ways of controlling prisoners in Britain's riot-torn top security jails are to be studied by a new Home Office committee. It will consider whether present measures for segregating disruptive prisoners are effective and whether now they could be supplemented if necessary.

The setting up of the committee, under Mr Anthony Langdon, director of operational policy, coincides with prison officer's calls for the reintroduction of control units to deal with disruption of prisoners held for longer periods are as a result of the measures proposed by Mr Leon Brittan yesterday need to be taken out of circulation.

The idea of modified control units, which were phased out in 1975 after fierce controversy over allegations of a dehumanizing effect on prisoners, is favoured by some prison chiefs.

The original regulations on control units said that there should be a "first stage" of a 180-day regime with separation from other prisoners, then a second stage of "associated regime" in which there would be a period of "activity" with other prisoners in the unit: work, education and leisure time.

Tension created by groups of men in Wormwood Scrubs before a disturbance in 1979 will lead the committee to consider how to defuse trouble by a better population mix. London gangsters, black prisoners and Irish inmates clashed in a power struggle in the Scrubs and sex offenders banded together for their protection.

Mr Brittan's proposals got a mixed reaction in the penal field. The Prison Officers' Association and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, (Nacro) welcomed the extension of parole to shorter term prisoners.

According to Home Office estimates, that is likely to reduce the prison population by about 2,500 inmates on any one day.

Police killers 'will serve at least 20 years'

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to deal with violent crime will, I believe, demonstrate conclusively that under this Government those who prey on their fellow citizens do so at their peril".

Mr Brittan then turned to the need to deal with overcrowding of the prisons. In a move that could cut the prison population by 2,500 by the end of next year, he said that the minimum qualifying period for parole is to be reduced from one year to six months.

Ways are also to be examined of getting fine defaulters, drunks, and mentally disordered prisoners out of the jails and Home Secretary is to look into the possibility of introducing day or weekend imprisonment for those who have not committed serious offences.

A review is also to be ordered into the possibility of building low-cost "camp-style prisons", but Mr Brittan also announced an acceleration and extension of the Prison Departments building programme, which is already planned to grow to £40m in 1986-87 to create an extra 4,800 places in 10 new prisons by 1991, with a further 4,000 places in present prisons.

By the end of the year, Mr Brittan added, no prisoners would be held in police cells

Miss Keays and Bermondsey

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opening day of the party conference. But he was chastised as "a self-confessed adulterer and a damned fool" by Ivor Stanbrook, Conservative MP for Orpington, who said he should have insisted on resigning.

Mr Stanbrook said he was provoked by "the evident determination of the party establishment to pretend that nothing is wrong". He did not agree with the Prime Minister that Mr Parkinson's conduct was not was not a matter of public concern.

Earlier there had been a carefully planned effort to prepare a friendly reception for Mr Parkinson.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Aberdeen University to open The Queen Mother Library and to receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, 11.

Princess Margaret visits the Intelligence Centre at Ashford, Kent, 12.

The Duke of Gloucester opens Operation Drake Fellowship, Fairbridge Team Centre, Fulham, SW6, 11.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 5.10; and attends a dinner by the Royal College of Organists at Castle Hotel, Windsor, 7.45.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, attends a dinner in honour of a New Zealand high-level mission from the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, at Vintners' Hall, EC4, 7.55.

New exhibitions

Prints by Lowick House artists, MacRobert Arts Centre, Stirling University; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until Oct 31).

Exhibitions in progress

That's Shell – That Is!: Paintings, posters, calendars, newspaper advertisements and books dating from around 1907 to present day; Castle Museum, Nottingham; Mon to Sun 10 to 5.45 (until October 30).

Work by Ray Howard Jones, National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5 (until Oct 29).

Polite Society: Arthur Devis – portraits of the English country gentleman and his family, Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Market Square, Preston, Lancashire; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (until Nov 12).

Jewelry by Marilynn Nicholson, Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until Nov 5).

Last chance to see

Works by Mardi Barrie, Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh; 9 to 5.30 (ends today).

Talks, lectures

Victorian science, by I T Bunyan, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Development of spa treatment, by S Hunt, Banqueting Room, Guildhall, Bath, 1.10.

Story of the Mary Rose, by Hugh Sowar, Centre Room, Old Technical College, Beau Street, Bath, 8.

Gropius and the modern movement in architecture, by Maxwell Fry, Impington Village College, New Road, Impington, Cambridge, 7.30.

George Costakis Collection, by Susan Compton, Kettle's Yard Gallery, Northampton Street, Cambridge, 8.15.

Art – Psychotherapy, by Joyce Laing, Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, 7.30.

Music

Early music concert by The Consort of Musicke, Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, 7.30.

Concert by Music Serenade (wind octet), City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds, 1.05.

Concert by Leodian String Quartet, Leeds Institute Gallery, Civic Theatre, Cookridge Street, 7.30.

Concert by Great Western Orchestra, Colston Hall, Coston Street, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by Janet Price (soprano) and Adrian Beaumont (oboe), Bristol University, Wills Memorial Building, Queen's Road, 1.15.

Piano duet by Alan Laing and Peter Sproston, Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster, 1.

Concert by Scottish National Orchestra, Caird Hall, Dundee, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,258

ACROSS

1 Bishop of London? No! (12).
8 County appointment for North African tribeswoman (7).
9 The right moment's here for Dewar's invention (7).
11 Confuse pages after opening Byron's poem (7).
12 A useful tool one comes across (7).
13 Israel's army captain gets a battalion to about-turn (5).
14 Legal speaker produces depression about girl (9).
16 Go in first for widespread military set-up (4,5).
19 Islands in company with another (5).
21 The cap I ordered for livery? (7).
23 Free French articles as hard to get (7).
24 Knocked down on reaching crease? (3,4).
25 One of those fraud victim's taken to daily (7).
26 Go crazy, like Kipling's ditties (12).

DOWN

1 Highly-placed official with faithful audience (7).
2 Trouble afoot for this holidaymaker? (7).
3 Avoided being tackled in such a casual way (9).
4 Perjurer named a very gallant gentleman (5).
5 President to prohibit a Japanese floral arrangement (7).
6 Folk-song about former kingdom (7).
7 I don't know how you can repose (3,2,7).
10 Spot earth's revolution – about ten miles up in this perhaps (12).
15 Garnett, say, as boss gives one a pain in the neck (9).
17 The cost of swans in the river (7).
18 A month on a Roman road builds up Antony's wife (7).
19 Gather this is how to save money on US calls (7).
20 Flute selected by TV viewer (7).
22 Trace breakdown, showing something's missing (5).

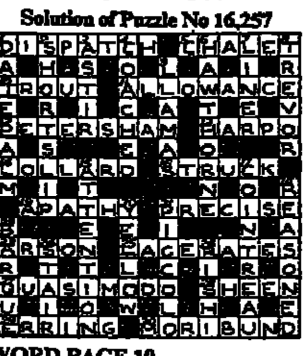
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Top video rentals

1 First Blood (Thorn EMI)
2 The Thing (CIC)
3 Sophies Choice (Precision)
4 Xtro (PolyGram)
5 Star Trek II-Wrath of Khan (CIC)
6 10 to Midnight (Guild)
7 Poltergeist (MGM/UA)
8 The Alchemist (Videoform)
9 Mad Max II (Warner)
10 The Concrete Jungle (Videoform)

Supplied by *Video Business*



New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Ackerman 1783-1983, by John Ford (Ackerman, £29.50)
Bells and Man, by Percival Price (Oxford, £12.95)
Churches and Royal Patronage, by Colonel W. A. Salmon (D. Brown, Glamorgan, £7.50)
Cocktails and Laughter, the Albums of Loelia Duchess of Westminster (Hamish Hamilton, £10)
Gentlemen and Tradesmen, the values of economic catastrophe, by Charles Hampden-Turner (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £10.95)
The Calvi Affair, Death of a Banker, by Larry Gurwin (Macmillan, £8.95)
The Counter-Armada 1596, the journal of the Mary Rose, by Stephen and Elizabeth Usherwood (The Bodley Head, £7.95)
The Culture of Technology, by Arnold Pacey (Blackwell, £15)
The Legacy of Alfred Nobel, the story behind the Nobel Prizes, by Ragnar Sohlman (The Bodley Head, £8.95)
The Trial, by Franz Kafka, and eight other famous novels, new hardback series (Landmark, £4.95)

National Day

Spain's National Day marks the landfall in the New World by Christopher Columbus in 1492. Spaniards around the world have traditionally commemorated their common heritage ever since, with occasional interruptions. During the Franco regime, for example, October 12 was eclipsed by another national holiday on July 18, which marked the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936. Since the country's return to democracy after the Generalissimo's death, October 12 has been reinstated as the Fiesta Nacional de la Hispanidad (National Day of Spanish Consciousness).

Anniversaries

Births: Edward VI (reigned 1547-53), London, 1537; James Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister 1924, 1929-31, 1931-35, Lossiemouth, Moray, 1866; Ralph Vaughan Williams, Down Amphey, Gloucestershire, 1872. Deaths: Elizabeth Fry, Quaker and prison reformer, Ramsgate, Kent, 1845; Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate Armies, Lexington, Virginia, 1870; Nurse Edith Cavell, executed, Brussels, 1915; Anatole France, writer, Nobel laureate 1921, St Cyr-sur-Loire, 1924. Columbus landed in the New World – on the island of Guanahani, Bahamas, 1492.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.72	1.64
Austria Sch	28.50	27.10
Belgium Fr	83.75	79.75
Canada $	1.92	1.85
Denmark Kr	14.70	14.00
Finland Mkk	8.82	8.42
France Fr	12.32	11.82
Germany DM	4.04	3.85
Greece Dr	148.00	140.00
Hongkong $	12.90	12.30
Ireland Pt	1.30	1.25
Italy Lira	2445.00	2335.00
Japan Yen	367.00	349.00
Netherlands Gld	4.56	4.33
Norway Kr	11.47	10.90
Portugal Esc	194.50	184.50
South Africa Rd	1.80	1.67
Spain Pta	231.00	223.00
Sweden Kr	12.18	11.61
Switzerland Fr	3.30	3.13
USA $	1.55	1.50
Yugoslavia Dnr	194.00	182.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 338.0.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 0.4 at 701.5.

Roads

London and South-east: A11: Mile End Road reduced at Burdett Road. M20: Westbound carriageway shared at junction with M25, Swanley, Kent. A328: Temporary signals at Guildford Road, Mayford, Surrey.

Midlands and East Anglia: M1: One carriageway shared between junctions 15 and 16 near Northampton; Rothersthorpe services closed. A47: Single lane only two miles E of Narborough, Norfolk. A38: Single lane only on Tyburn Road, Birmingham, into city.

North: A1(M): One carriageway shared at Blyth, Nottinghamshire. A34: Roadworks on Wilmslow Road, Handforth, Cheshire. Blackpool illuminations and conference, affecting town and M55 and A583.

Wales and West: M4: Single lane only westbound at Severn Bridge until Oct 11 and single lane eastbound until Oct 14. M4: One carriageway shared between junctions 20 (Almondsbury) and 21 (Severn Bridge). A358: Lanes closed at junction of M5, Blackbrook, Taunton, Somerset.

Scotland: A90: Northbound carriageway shared at Forth Road Bridge. M90: One lane only southbound near Kinross, Tayside. M8: Eastbound carriageway shared between Lothian boundary and Harthill service area.

(Information supplied by AA).

The papers

The Sun comments: "Unlike so many previous ministers, Mr (Leon) Brittan does not merely talk about doing his duty to protect the public. He is doing something about it. The Sun applauds his proposals to fix minimum sentences of 20 years' jail for the worst categories of murderers".

The Daily Mirror comments: "Far from reducing violence outside prison, Mr Brittan runs the risk of increasing it inside. By denying any hope at all of early release or parole to long-term prisoners, he removes the incentive to good behaviour".

"Yorkshire's cricket bosses can avoid a winter of discontent over the Geoff Boycott controversy simply by making a brave and honourable decision", the Daily Star says. "All they have to do is welcome back Boycott for one more year of cricket for the only county he has ever wished to serve."

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Weather forecast

A deep depression to W Scotland will bring a strong SW flow across Britain with frontal troughs crossing most parts.

6am to midnight

London, East Anglia, Midlands: some rain and drizzle at first, then brighter, rain later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max 16 to 17c (61 to 63f).
SE, Central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Rain, drizzle, bright intervals, more rain later, hill and coastal fog; wind SW, fresh or strong, locally gale; max 16 to 18c (61 to 64f).
E, Central N, NE England: Rain, heavy at times, hill fog, wind SW, fresh or strong, locally gale; max 13 to 14C (55-57F).
Wales, NW England, Lake District: Rain, drizzle, hill and coastal fog; wind SW, strong, locally gale; max 13 to 14c (55 to 57f).
Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Rain, heavy at times, hill fog, brighter but showery later; wind SW, strong, locally gale; max 11 to 13c (52 to 55f).
Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Blustery showers, heavy at times, bright intervals; wind SW strong or gale; max 12 to 13c (54 to 55f).
Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain at times; wind SE, veering SW, fresh or strong, locally gale; max 11 to 12c (52 to 54f).
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Very unsettled and windy. Temperatures rather above normal, becoming colder later.
SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW strong or gale; sea very rough.

Sun rises: 7.18am Sun sets: 6.15pm
Moon rises: 2.22am Moon sets: 9.50pm
First quarter tomorrow

Lighting-up time

London 6.45 pm to 6.50 am
Bristol 6.55 pm to 7.00 am
Edinburgh 6.51 pm to 7.09 am
Manchester 6.51 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 7.08 pm to 7.10 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	11	52	Guernsey	f	13	55
Birmingham	f	13	55	Inverness	f	10	50
Blackpool	c	12	54	Jersey	f	14	57
Bristol	c	13	55	London	c	13	57
Cardiff	f	12	54	Manchester	r	11	52
Edinburgh	s	12	54	Newcastle	s	11	52
Glasgow	r	8	46	Ronaldsway	f	12	54

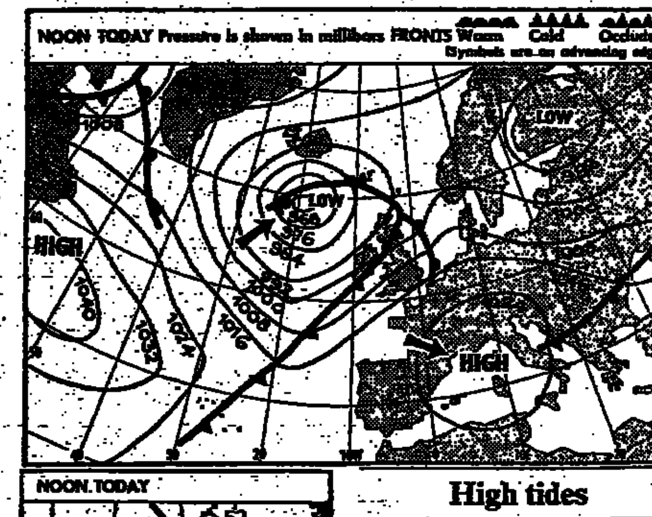
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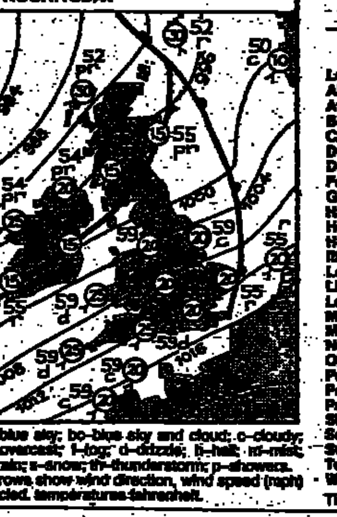
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,020.3 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

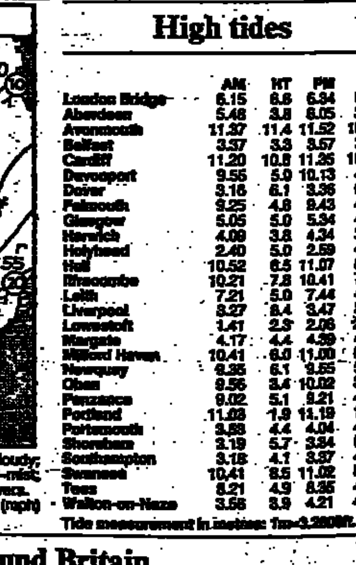
Highest day temp: Jersey, Sinbrook, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Morecambe, 0.88in; highest sunshine: Colwyn Bay, 9.5hr.

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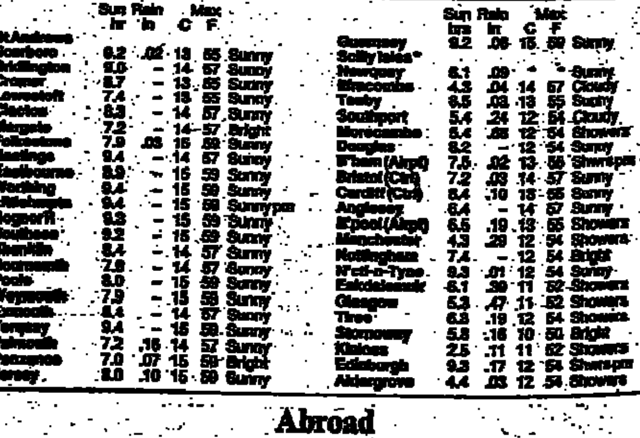




High tides



Around Britain



Abroad

